

1985 Calendar of Gay & Lesbian Pride Events

Bomb Threat Against Womonyre Books

VOL. 12, NO. 47

June 15, 1985

\$1.00

GayCommunity News

THE WEEKLY FOR LESBIANS AND GAY MALES

BIPAD: 65498

CIRCUMCISION... Cutting Close to Home

*Community Plans
Actions in
Foster Parent Case p.1*



GayCommunityNews

Vol. 12, No. 47

(617) 426-4469

© GCN, 1985

June 15, 1985

New wave of anti-lesbian violence in Northampton

Women's Bookstore Receives Bomb Threat

By Stephanie Poggi

NORTHAMPTON, MA — In what may be the second wave of a violent anti-lesbian campaign begun in the fall of 1982 here, threats and vandalism against lesbians and lesbian institutions are escalating. A bomb threat against Womanfyre Bookstore on May 28, vandalism against a lesbian business earlier this year, written threats to other lesbians, and harassment of lesbians by a man who wears Nazi regalia are among frightening recent incidents.

In 1982 and 1983, a series of rapes, beatings, and death threats against Northampton lesbians were claimed by a group called Stop Homosexual Unity Now (SHUN), and in late summer of 1983, Robert E. Kremensky was arrested in connection with some of the incidents of verbal harassment and eventually served less than two months in prison (See *GCN*, Vol. 10, Nos. 29,36, and Vol. 11, No. 6.) Many recent acts of harassment, however, are claimed by men who say they are members of the National Socialist Party, or Nazis.

The lesbian, gay and bisexual community here is organizing a variety of responses to the outbreak of violence, including the establishment of a new coalition to respond to crisis situations.

On May 28 at approximately 8:45 p.m., Jill Krolik, owner of Womanfyre Bookstore, received a

call from police informing her that an unidentified man had reported seeing a bomb with a timing device being taped to the windshield of a car parked outside the store. According to Krolik, police told her that the man said he was a Vietnam veteran and that he described the bomb in detail.

Krolik said state police, who originally received the call, contacted Northampton police, who evacuated the street and cordoned off the block. A bomb squad from Lee was also contacted. Police found a closed paper bag in front of the store, but no bomb taped to a car, Krolik told *GCN*.

A note inside the bag said, "Lesbians must die. You are the ones ruining this country. Your morals will not be tolerated anymore," and was signed by the National Socialist Party, according to Krolik, who eventually received a photocopy of the note. Swastikas also appeared on the note, said Krolik. She added that handwriting on the note closely resembled that on notes the bookstore had received two years ago.

The following day, Krolik received a call from a man who identified himself as a member of the National Socialist Party and who said he was responsible for the grenade. The man told Krolik the store would be hit with a live bomb the next day, according to Krolik.

Both Krolik and Gary Scoppet-

tuolo of GALA (Gay and Lesbian Alliance) were critical of police response to the bomb threat, and Krolik told *GCN* police had only been able to recover one note from the several they had on file from two years prior. "The stuff vanished somehow," said Krolik. Scoppettuolo added that police "displayed a real lack of interest in the case." Calls from *GCN* to Northampton police were not returned.

In another incident on the Friday following the bomb threat, May 31, two lesbians at a local bar

were harassed by a man who, according to Krolik and Scoppettuolo, considers himself a Nazi and who frequently wears Nazi regalia. A report has been filed and police are reportedly investigated this incident as well.

Three weeks earlier a Black man was called "faggot" and "nigger" and beaten. According to Scoppettuolo, a criminal case is being prosecuted by the District Attorney's office and civil rights charges are being filed by the state.

In other incidents where lesbians attacked have asked not to be

identified, a lesbian business was vandalized, and a lesbian found a note under the door of her place of work, saying, "Fuck you, you lezzie."

A community meeting held on June 5 at the Northampton Center for the Arts addressed the incidents of violence as well as the recent removal of two children from Boston gay foster parents Donald Babets and David Jean. (See related story, this issue). According to Scoppettuolo, 168 people attended, including members of the

continued on page 3

Senate passes non-binding resolution

Activists Plan Actions, Outreach in Foster Case

By Christine Guilfooy

BOSTON — Grassroots community organizing over the foster parent issue continues. And, in the past seven days, the state Senate passed a non-binding resolution vaguely expressing its sentiment on foster care, and two community meetings have been held with further actions being planned, including a "Dukakis Watch," a media watch, coalition building, and changes in gay pride activities. These actions include:

- Organization of a father's day (June 16) demonstration at the home of Governor Michael Dukakis in Brookline. Call 661-0974 for more information.

- Organization of picketers who would appear at his public appearances protesting his policies. A meeting will be held June 9 to plan these activities. Call 354-5441.

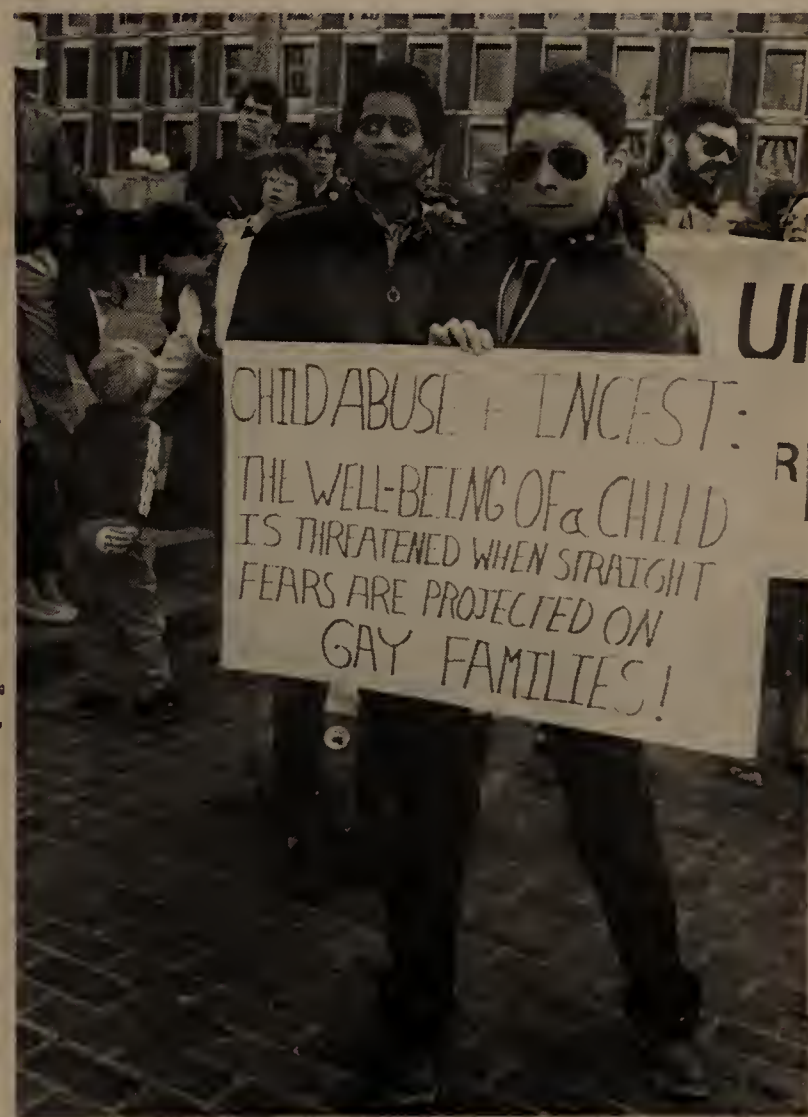
- Organization of a media watch to include a one-day boycott of the Boston *Globe* on Sunday, June 23. Community members and those in support are requested to not buy the *Globe* on that day.

- Organization of a broad base of support by contacting constituency groups (labor, neighborhood, religious, women, Latino, Black, Asian, and other groups) to ask them to: give their endorsement to the Gay and Lesbian Defense Committee; march in gay/lesbian pride with their banners and write a press statement saying their reason for marching; write letters and phone the state house expressing support, and join in other community actions such as the *Globe* boycott and the father's day march to Dukakis' house. Call 576-6788 for more information or to help with networking.

- Gay Pride changes, in addition to attempting to broaden march participation, include adding three new speakers: Don Babets and David Jean, the foster parents whose children were removed from their home; and Angela Bowen, a Black lesbian mother.

The hotline for the Defense Committee is 396-0586.

The furor over foster care placements began when a foster placement with two openly gay men was made public by the Boston *Globe*. Within 24 hours,



Demonstrators at May 29 rally, City Hall Plaza in Boston.

the children, ages 2 and 3, were removed from the home by Department of Social Services (DSS) Commissioner Marie Matava, who claimed the publicity was placing undue stress on the family. The men had been approved as foster parents after a year-long investigation as openly gay applicants. In removing the children, state officials acknowledged that the placement was made within DSS policy guidelines and sought to defend the placement while simultaneously defending removal and a change in policy. A new policy was announced by Secretary of Human Services Philip Johnston on May 24, which held that the "traditional" family, that is a married heterosexual couple, was a more desirable foster home than that of an unmarried couple, single men or women, or gay men and lesbians. The new policy, according

to Commissioner Matava, makes it "highly unlikely" that foster children would be placed with gay men or lesbians.

Matava recently told the Joint Committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs that she had never personally reviewed the Babets/Jean foster parent application. While unable to cite specifics of how the new foster care policy was an improvement on the old one, Matava nevertheless maintained that it is a "refinement" of the standard of best interests of the child.

Although attorneys for Babets and Jean have filed a grievance to get the children back, they received an unfavorable ruling from officials at DSS. Attorneys have requested that Commissioner Matava review the decision which she is expected to complete shortly. However, given the events of

continued on page 3

IRS demands payment

GLCS Faces Financial Crisis

By Christine Guilfooy

BOSTON — One of the oldest lesbian and gay institutions here, Gay and Lesbian Counseling Services (GLCS), is facing a financial crisis, and may have to close if it cannot raise \$20,000 by June 17. The non-profit agency's major creditor, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), has levied GLCS income from state contracts and Blue Cross/Blue Shield payments, severely limiting income to the agency. The IRS is currently demanding all monies owed be paid by the June 17 deadline.

GLCS, which has an operating budget of \$250,000 per year, is carrying a debt of approximately \$30,000, which, according to Michael Wasserman of the GLCS Board of Directors, is a "debt of several years' standing." In a statement released at a community information meeting on June 5, Wasserman attributed the debt to "past inefficient management systems, low productivity, and rent increases."

The agency has sent out a direct mailing asking for contributions, and asks that checks be sent to GLCS, 600 Washington St., Suite 210, Boston, MA 02111. Nancy Grantham, GLCS executive director, told *GCN* the IRS was being repaid in monthly installments but then called in the lump sum remainder. She said an effort will be made to convince IRS to take a smaller sum, if fundraising efforts fall short.

Ironically, the IRS action and

the resultant financial crisis come just as GLCS felt it was turning the corner on its reorganization and revitalization effort which began almost one year ago. At that time, the agency considered closing because of its debt and because it was serving, according to Grantham, only 60 clients per month. However, in that year GLCS has grown, now serving 240 clients per month, with its operation "reaching break-even in the first quarter of 1985," according to Grantham.

Alan Tweedy, GLCS clinical director, told those assembled for the informational meeting that their goal has been to "make [GLCS] a vibrant and responsive mental health center. Tweedy said that in addition to the increase in clients, the waiting period for new clients has been reduced from five weeks to nearly one week. He also said a "triage" system has been implemented wherein persons in crisis or under severe stress can be seen with little or no wait.

GLCS also provides a sliding scale fee structure with many clients paying \$5 or less per visit. Said Tweedy, "GLCS fills a critical void in the community in that we see people without regard for their ability to pay for our services." According to Grantham, the sliding scale and outreach to the community has resulted in a greater number of women and people of color receiving services.

GLCS, one of the oldest gay in-

continued on page 3

News Notes

quote of the week

“We’ll stand on our head to be good Democrats — but we must be included.”
— Tom Chorlton, executive director of the now-defunct Lesbian and Gay Caucus of the Democratic National Committee, as quoted in the *Bay Area Reporter*.

WASHINGTON, DC — Despite doing everything short of standing on their heads, the Lesbian and Gay Caucus of the Democratic National Committee was dismantled by the Executive Committee of the Party on May 17. According to the *Washington Post*, the Executive Committee also revoked official recognition of the Black, Women’s, Hispanic, Asian-Pacific, Liberal/Progressive, and Business and Professional Caucuses. The Black, Women’s, and Hispanic Caucuses are still guaranteed at least one Executive Committee seat under party by-laws, which can only be changed by the full Democratic National Committee. The three caucuses have similar status within the Republican Party.

Earlier this year, the Executive Committee had rejected another part of the platform which required that each caucus, including the Lesbian and Gay Caucus, be represented on the Party’s national standing committees.

Last month, National Party Chair Paul Kirk declined to appoint any open lesbians or gay men to an 87-member national commission set up to review the future of the Party.

nsw trade unionists join fight against aids

NEW SOUTH WALES — Unwarranted concern over contracting AIDS in the workplace has led to the formation of a Trade Unions Working Party within the AIDS Council here. A similar group was previously formed within the Victorian AIDS Council by the Plumbers and Gasfitters Union. Both groups involve straight and gay trade unionists who consider it important for the labor movement to play a positive role in the fight against AIDS in Australia.

According to member Ken Davis of the Gay Solidarity Group and secretary to the NSW Working Party, the unionists are concentrating on making articles available to key union journals to dispel misinformation about AIDS.

The Working Party is also intent on eliminating ignorance about the illness in workplaces. Reluctance of social security staff, for instance, to interview people with AIDS and related conditions is being met with information sessions coordinated by union activists. The Working Party is also urging gay men and lesbians to join their unions and become active as a first line of defense for employment rights.

— filed from Sydney by Kendall Lovett

gay hotsa

BILBAO, Spain — *Gay Hotsa*, the newsletter of EHGAM, the gay activist group in Bilbao, Pamplona and San Sebastian, has expanded to magazine size with local, Spanish, and international news, cultural articles, stories, comics and a free classified section. The text is 80 percent in Spanish and 20 percent in Euskera (lengua vasca). A year’s subscription is 1500 pesetas or \$9. Write to Gay Hotsa. TXKO LANDAN, Apartado de Correos 1667, 48080 Bilbao, Espana.

anti-porn leader named head of commission

WASHINGTON, DC — Attorney General Edwin Meese III has named a new Justice Department commission to study the effects of sexually explicit material, according to the *New York Times*. A prosecutor who has banished most porn from a Virginia county has been appointed to head the 11-member panel charged with studying porn and recommending new ways to control it.

In an interview, prosecutor Henry Hudson, whose appointment has been questioned by the American Civil Liberties Union, said he is qualified to head the panel because of his success in banning porn in Arlington County, a Washington suburb. Arlington “does not have an adult bookstore or massage parlor,” Hudson said, and other sex-related businesses have been prohibited.

Hudson was commended for his work in Arlington by President Reagan at a White House gathering two years ago.

Meese said the other ten commission members are a “balanced group” that will weigh “the need to control distribution of this material and the need to protect First Amendment freedoms.”

A Presidential Commission concluded in 1970 that there was no evidence linking sexual material to delinquency or criminal behavior. “Re-examination of the issue of pornography is long overdue,” Meese said.

grace paley reads for sojourner benefit

CAMBRIDGE, MA — Grace Paley, feminist, peace activist, and author of *Later the Same Day*, will perform in a benefit for Boston’s *Sojourner* on June 13 at Sanders Theatre, Harvard University, at 8 P.M. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the door, or at New Words Bookstore, Glad Day Bookshop, Red Book, Out of Town Tickets, or Concertcharge.

Sanders Theatre is wheelchair-accessible. The event is co-sponsored by Seventh Sister. For more information, call 661-3567.

call for contributions to gay american indians anthology

SAN FRANCISCO — Gay American Indians (GAI) is now accepting contributions for a book-length anthology documenting the past and present life of lesbian and gay American Indians.

According to Randy Burns, co-founder and Vice President of GAI, “Our history project has already gathered references on traditional gay roles in more than 100 different tribal societies throughout North America. As gay men and women, we often had a special place in the social, religious and economic life of our communities.”

Burns adds, “Today, many American Indians have adopted the hostile attitudes of non-Indian society towards gay people. But this was not a part of the traditional way in many tribes. We hope this anthology will help our families and communities understand us better as gay people.”

GAI requests contributions from women and men with both reservation and urban backgrounds. Contributors are encouraged to submit historical articles as well as contemporary accounts, stories, poetry, and graphics, with an emphasis on personal and biographical material.

Artists and authors will be paid honorariums for work accepted for publication. Confidentiality of submissions and authors will be strictly honored and contributions under pseudonyms will be accepted. Funding is provided by a \$7,500 grant from the Chicago Resource Center.

Deadline is August 15, 1985. Include SASE and send to: GAI History Project, 1347 Divisadero St., No. 312, S.F., CA 94115, (415) 621-3485.

GAI was founded in 1975 to serve the needs of the gay and lesbian American Indian community. The organization has over 700 members nationally and internationally and provides a variety of social and educational services.



disabled liberation news

BOSTON — The Spring 1985 issue of *Disabled Liberation News* has recently been published. Contents include an essay on discrimination against disabled street people by shelters for the homeless, poetry, a speaking-out by a genetically disabled woman, news flashes, announcements, and graphics.

To obtain a copy, write to: The Disabled People’s Liberation Front, 10 Ellett Street, No. 309, Dorchester, MA 02122.

The Disabled People’s Liberation Front is a progressive group of disabled people, including gay men and lesbians, who are multiply and/or differently disabled. The group is not single-issue but does focus primarily on disability concerns.

sonnenschein found guilty of felony

AUSTIN, TX — David Sonenschein, former Kinsey sex researcher and publisher of the pamphlet *How to Have Sex with Kids*, has been found guilty of a third-degree felony for illegally photocopying a photograph of a child in a “pornographic” magazine. Charged under a 1979 Texas child pornography law prohibiting “sexual performance of a child,” Sonenschein was sentenced to ten years in jail and fined \$5,000.

The American Civil Liberties Union is appealing the conviction on behalf of Sonenschein, who is currently free on bail.

During the three-day trial, the defense focused on Sonenschein’s right to study pedophilia. No mention of the pamphlet was made.

queers attacked at holocaust memorial

STRUTHOF, France — On April 28, six gay men and lesbians were attacked while attempting to lay a wreath at a monument to Nazi victims, according to the Santa Ana *Register* of California. Witnesses at the cemetery in the eastern town of Besancon said a dozen men who had been Nazi prisoners or French Resistance fighters destroyed the wreath and shouted insults at the gay men and lesbians, including, “[You] should all have been exterminated.”

Gay activists had asked to participate in the Besancon ceremony, but a written request was refused by Jean Petiteau, president of the largest deportee group in the area, and the primary speaker at the observance. His reply to the activists said, “How can we consider in the same light those who risked their lives and those who were punished for deviation?”

forced hospitalization for people with aids allowed in britain

LONDON — The national health department here has issued regulations allowing local judges to forcibly hospitalize people with AIDS, according to the Chicago *Tribune*. The judges also have the power to hold people with AIDS in hospitals indefinitely and to require special handling of bodies of people who have died from the illness.

The *Tribune* states that the health department rules are an attempt to calm an alarmed British public.

egyptian court bans “a thousand and one nights”

CAIRO — An Egyptian court ordered the confiscation of new editions of the ancient classic, “A Thousand and One Nights,” charging the tales pose a threat to morals, according to the Boston Globe.

The order of May 19 capped a heated battle between the Interior Ministry and three booksellers trying to distribute the editions.

According to Sohair Kalamawy, a professor at Cairo University who wrote her doctoral dissertation on the centuries-old stories, “The words on sex constitute less than one-tenth of this book.... There are many more graphic details of sex, even homosexual sex, in our heritage of literature and poetry.” Kalamawy added, “[I]t is our heritage and, of course, we will not change it.”

In “A Thousand and One Nights,” Scheherazade, bride of King Shehrayaz of Samarkand, tells the king stories, including some with homosexual sex scenes, to stop him from beheading her as he had done to a series of virgin brides after their wedding nights.

let them be sterilized

RALEIGN, NC — In the continuing battle over reproductive rights in North Carolina, three bills have been introduced to the state legislature which would severely restrict the availability of abortions in the state, especially to poor women.

A bill filed by Reps. Stephen Wood and Walter H. Windley, both Republicans, would cut off state money for organizations that provide abortion and would abolish the state’s abortion fund, except in cases where the mother’s life is in danger. The state currently funds abortion without restriction for poor women, but Governor James Martin has promised to abolish the fund.

Another bill, introduced by Democratic Representative Richard Wright, would deny abortions to single women under 18 years old unless permission has been granted by a parent or judge. The bill has 81 co-sponsors and stands a good chance of passing the House. According to Wright, the bill would “convey to them [young women] that it’s not all right to get pregnant when you’re single.” Wright claims that teenage women forced to have unwanted babies will become more mature.

Another bill that would abolish the abortion fund is one introduced to the Senate by Democrat John M. Jordon. The bill would replace the abortion fund with a fund to sterilize poor women. “A lot of these people have two or three illegitimate children,” said Jordon. “Maybe they want to stop.” Jordon did not mention options for poor women other than sterilization.

— filed from Winston-Salem, N.C. by Marie Godwin

disabled lesbians support group

BOSTON — A disabled lesbians support group has formed here. For information on meeting time and place, call Rebecca at 617-266-4214.

Community Voices

concrete mama

Dear *GCN*,
Sounds goofy doesn't it? How can anyone have an inanimate object as a parent; a 'rock' Mama? I'm almost sure I have one. With every day of this third prison sentence, I become more certain.
Yes, I'm a repeater, a "habitual criminal" the prosecutor called me when he let me plead guilty to this last charge. Prison is: Ultimate Security, like in a womb. A person can easily lay up in one and be entertained by the idiot box (TV). After doing a certain amount of time, everything becomes relative anyway. In a little world, little pleasures are big.
Security! There's a frantic and constant scuffle and search out there for the human needs and desires. There's endless worry about jobs, wars, housing, taxes, prestige, and of course keeping up with fashion. Sometimes it all seems so far removed from prison that it seems unreal. Sometimes it seems that the world out there is the one that's shut in and trapped, not this one. It seems theirs is the cage and that they are the ones darting about in circles, seeking an escape.

I'm not alone in my views. There are other people like me; they just haven't put the mirror in front of themselves yet! There's the guy who kicks in a place and tells all the barflies in town how easy the job was. Or the paper hanger who puts his or her own name on rubber checks, time after time after time. We've all read about or know people who keep breaking into the same place.

Sure they have a rash of excuses about getting caught: the bartender was a dirty rat for calling the police when the check kept bouncing out of the register. Someone ratted, because there weren't any cops in the place the first three times I robbed it. I didn't see those 300 people watching me when I broke in!

It all boils down to the fact that these people actually catch themselves. They push their way in to prison. These people are subconsciously begging for Mama ...

These fleers from responsibility, these dodgers from the uncertainties that freedom brings are in most (but not all) cases ill-equipped to compete, and probably don't even know it. I once knew a brilliant forger who wrote beautifully for the prison newspaper.

It is the people who deep down inside themselves; far into the inner recesses of their (our) minds, below even the level of consciousness, are frightened, who don't really think that they can hack it in the outside world.

Some could be reclaimed if all the prisons had the schools and training courses they should have to help get someone started again in this solidly anti-excon world.

What about it? Thanks for a chance to speak.
Herb Lipp
32903-138
Box 7000
Texarkana, TX 75501

dsa diversity

Dear *GCN*:
Scott Tucker's rejection of DSA ("Speaking Out," May 11) is unfortunate and shortsighted. I wasn't at the Socialist Scholar's conference, but I can, from my own experience with DSA, easily imagine things taking place there that would give a non-member a bad impression of the organization, particularly around the issue of gay liberation. DSA is not, never has been, and never will be a unified body with a single line. That's not the idea of it. It's a coalition of old leftists, new leftists, "reds," "greens," feminists, religious socialists, laborites, third-worldists, and a few other groups I'm probably forgetting. I may even know the person Scott mentioned as asking why conference participants should even have to discuss homosexuality.

He (if a DSA member) was probably a member of the Religion and Socialism Commission, some of whom are homophobic, anti-sexual and anti-abortion. These people do exist in DSA, and it's against our nature to do anything as asinine as to try to "purge" them. There are also people like Chris Riddiough and Leo Casey, who speak, write and organize for gay liberation in society and within DSA. Stanley Aronowitz, Chair of the New York City local and a heterosexual, advocates that DSA embrace gay liberation as an important ideological challenge to patriarchal, authoritarian, capitalist society. My own local in Portland reserves two seats on its Steering Committee for gays and lesbians, and includes among its number a member of NAMBLA.

Scott is perfectly right to be disappointed and angry in response to the experience he had. But he misunderstands the organization. It is definitely *not* moving to the right as he suggests. Certain members of DSA have been barely to the left of liberal for the last fifty years. Others are very radical. He would be perfectly free to organize for his point of view within the organization, and I encourage him to do so. But he can't expect everybody to think exactly as he does, and he makes a big mistake to think that what he experienced among a bunch of New York intellectuals was representative of the organization as a whole.

Chris Nielsen
Portland, OR

cowardliness in the zeh case

An Open Letter to Cincinnati's Lesbian/Gay/Bi-Sexual Community:

I was dismayed, angered and shamed after reading news of John Zeh's conviction on charges of sexual battery of a 16-year-old male (see *Gay Community News*, 5/11/85). Dismayed that a homophobic court and prosecutor succeeded in jailing another gay man for a statutory offense alleging *no* force and involving *no* proven harm other than the time-honored assumption that sexual activity is guilty until judged acceptable by the state arbiters of social conformity. Dismayed that another precedent has been set for the further harassment of gay men and youth — even those, as in this case, above the legal age of consent! — and of other sexual "deviants" targeted in due time.

But much worse, I was angered and shamed by the local gay community's lack of sense and failure of nerve in warding off this blow to gay pride generally and a veteran gay activist specifically. In reading Tatiana Schreiber's account of local reaction, several points beg further comment:

(1) Several locals — none of whom had the stomach to stand behind their allegations by name — imply that Zeh was in fact guilty of this and other charges. Guilty of sexual relations? Perhaps; but is this deemed criminal by members of the community? If the real issue is consent vs. coercion, as it should be, I would lay odds that Zeh related to the youth with far more respect and concern than did either the cops who extracted his testimony or the shrinks who demeaned his personhood by denying his meaningful consent (i.e. right) to intimate contact and sexual pleasure.

I ask: who is guilty of exploiting this youth, "leading" him, using him for their own purposes? And how are the consequences weighed: giving a young person an orgasm vs. making him the tool and flunky of state persecution and continued object of psychiatric patronage?

I wonder how much thought has been given to the fact that it was not the youth who instigated the complaint, but the prying police and the right-wing prosecutor who in fact used Zeh's case to bolster his political career? Legal proceedings involving consensual man/boy sex are rarely instigated by the youths themselves, but almost always set into motion through the interrogations of cops and shrinks who "discover" criminal activity and hold the always-vulnerable youth hostage to their meddling. But should the gay community refuse to challenge statutory offenses, that is, crimes without victims?

(2) Several (again anonymous) locals allege that Zeh "exploited" the gay community by organizing *as a gay activist* in his defense, and dispute his right to claim this designation. Such arrogant, cowardly conservatism infuriates me. Has not Zeh in fact publicly put himself on the line for years as a gay organizer and journalist on both the local and national levels? As another activist, I find it outrageous that his contributions to building the institutions, culture and acumen of our community should be trivialized by those with political, philosophical or personal differences. And I find that some people's penchant for "credential-baiting" usually belies either insecurity in their own worth, or arrogant contempt for the worth of others' experience. (Funny no one ever asks me for *my* credentials.)

Has not the community an obligation to defend its own from the ravages of a hostile, homophobic state? And is this not the least activists should be able to rely upon, especially those who take the most risks and are the most vulnerable to attack?

(3) The twin spectres of boylove and pornography — graphically embodied in the "kiddie porn" ruse ever at the ready — will tear the defensive fabric of our community to shreds *if* we succumb to state-induced hysteria abetted by our own sexual ignorance and prejudice. The pathetic and petty crumbling in the face of state enforcement of antiquated notions of sexual coercion and consent will not get us one step closer to championing an ethic of sexual self-determination and pleasure. With porn and sex scares about to become a national obsession, if we want to survive as a community, we had better find the guts to take the heat without mindlessly accepting stigmatization campaigns, find the intelligence to learn more about human sexual variation, and find the will to move beyond the easy manipulation of our enemies.

While I have not known Zeh personally, his imprisonment is a direct blow to my own well-being, and the failure of the local community to act to prevent this is a threat and a personal affront. I fervently hope that Zeh will survive the coming challenges, and survive them well. I also expect that the more inquiring, thoughtful and fair-minded individuals of Cincinnati will, through the course of events, come to reconsider and regret their inaction. I only hope that it will not be too late, not only for Zeh, but for us all.

My thanks to the Lesbian & Gay Academic Union for rising above the pack and maintaining its defense of Zeh despite local isolation.

I invite response.

Sharon Page
San Francisco, CA

class privilege

Dear *GCN*:
Gregory M. Herek and Scott Tucker seem genuinely indignant that *In These Times* and Democratic Socialists of America, respectively, have proven themselves less than heroic in the struggle for sexual liberation during the reign of Ronnie and his ilk ("Community Voices" and "Speaking Out," Vol. 12, No. 42). I can't imagine that they are genuinely surprised.

All in all, the left has at least done no worse on the issue of sexuality than the gay movement has done on the issue of class, the issue by which every kind of socialism I know of is defined. I'm a little puzzled by gay socialists who expend so much energy criticizing the predominantly straight left for its heterosexism and practically none criticizing the predominantly middle- and upper-middle-class gay movement for its class biases and privileges.

David Morris
Austin, TX

object, example & altruism

Dear *GCN*:
Church blessings of homosexual relationships have arrived. The Unitarians unanimously approved such a blessing in 1984. Other mainline churches unofficially have blessed homosexual pairs for years. These advances already have saved lives in relation to AIDS by supporting stable relationships.

Now Episcopalians are publicly into the issue. *Everyone* concerned with this is an invaluable thread in the fabric of the movement. Any voice must be *heard*. This, and realizing *it is not just a local issue*, will make everyone the peaceful victor.

I have coordinated the input of many, responding to Episcopal Bishop Swing's request for discussion of such a blessing. Here's my thread of that fabric:

Homosexuals were created to serve in at least three crucial ways — object, example, and altruism. Consider: If homosexuality is an answer, what is the question?

First, the homosexual has served as a necessary object relative to which others grow. That is, homosexuals have been one target group giving oppressors opportunity to grow, as oppressors are challenged to overcome prejudice and fear, and show understanding, compassion, and faith. The oppressed also have opportunity to grow in this process. Reversely, if no object, no opportunity, and no action.

Second, homosexuals have served as example, in a similar way. An example of little or no family, nor community, nor church, and the example of service in suffering and death in the AIDS crisis.

If AIDS is an answer, what is the question? One question *not* valid is how can the Creator punish, unless children with disease are likewise punished. One *valid* question is how can the Creator challenge all to work harder at relationships for better health and spirituality. Response to this challenge is a refining not defining method.

There must be found new, *active not reactive*, positive means for all to grow, and for all to work harder at family, community, church, and relationships.

If these two functions of homosexuals, object and example, are eventually eliminated, what's left? Altruism. Third, homosexuals have more opportunity for altruism. While they are in all jobs, consider the large number in helping and artistic fields.

The key to the altruism aspect is separating inherent from reactionary behavior. Well adjusted homosexuals serve in extended families with equal fulfillment to well adjusted heterosexuals in nuclear families. Socio-biological research has pointed to this.

Considering the wide range and changes within human sexuality, extended and nuclear families often overlap. However, the extended family has been undervalued and overlooked.

When homosexuals are understood and supported, including a church blessing when their relationships become stable and monogamous, they expand on their natural altruistic role. Expand in an active, positive way, more constructive and contributory.

In line with this altruistic role, proper timing for the greater good should be the framework for instituting such blessings.

Sincerely,
Steve Wynn
San Francisco, CA

GCN welcomes letters to the editor. If possible, they should be TYPED and DOUBLESPACED, and where possible limited to five typed pages. They should be sent to: Community Voices, GCN, 167 Tremont St. #5, Boston, MA 02111

GayCommunityNews

Cover drawing from *Foreskin*

MANAGING EDITOR
Gordon Gottlieb
NEWS EDITOR
Stephanie Poggi
FEATURES EDITOR
Loie Hayes
ART DIRECTOR
Jean Vallon
OFFICE MANAGER/PRISONER PROJ.
Mike Riegle
ADVERTISING MANAGER
Laurie Sherman
CIRCULATION/STAFF WRITER
Marcos Bisticas-Cocoves
LOCAL REPORTER
Chris Guilfooy
TYPOGRAPHER/STAFF WRITER
Pam Mitchell
MARKETING DIRECTOR
Brian Flynn
DISTRIBUTION
Barb Cischke
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
President: Kevin Cathcart, Barbara Beltrand, Art Cohen, Amy Groves, Raymond Hopkins, Tom Huth, Janice Irvine, Veneita Porter, Louise Rice, Donna Turley
NEWS STAFF
John Zeh, Sharon Page, Sarah Schulman, Jim Jackson, Claude Peck, Ellen M. Young, Laura Hathaway, Urvashi Vaid, Scott Brookie, Donna Turley, David Peterson, Jim Ryan, Ann Holder, Sue Hyde, Bob Nelson, Tatiana Schreiber, Michael Schwartz, Janice Irvine
FEATURES STAFF
Warren Blumenfeld, Michael Bronski, Nicholas Deutsch, Malkah Barrsey Feldman, Charles Fuller, Jeremy Grainger, Kenneth Hale-Wehmann, Amy Hoffman, Joe Interrante, Janice Irvine, Bill Kreidler, Martin Krieger, Pat Kuras, John Kyper, Nancy Langer, Andrea Loewenstein, Mark McHarry, Mitzel, Cindy Patton, Veneita Porter, Cindy Rizzo, Charley Shively, Maida Tilchen, Nancy Walker, Nancy Wechsler
ART/PRODUCTION STAFF
Design Assistants: Amy Groves, Daniel Emberley
Illustrators/Lay-out: Tony Alix, Diane Ayott, Timothy Blackburn, Paul Brouillette, John Copoulos, Howle Green, Michael Hermon, Tom Huth, Miranda Kolbe, Sean Martin, Pip, Priscilla Stadler, Ann Steurnagel, David Storm, Bob Wellington, Steve Wolf
PRISONER PROJECT
Debra Davenport, Freddie Greenfield, Larry Hitt, Mona Smith
PHOTOGRAPHERS
Susan Bernstein, Marie Favorito, Susan Fleischmann, Marilyn Humphries, Debbie Rich, Ellen Shub, Michael Thompson, John Tobin, Brian Qulnby
PROMOTIONS
Dave Peterson,
Microfilm Promoter: Donald Stone
PROOFREADERS
Linda Burnett, Michael Grossman, Miranda Kolbe, Rob Krikorian, Abe Rybeck, Read Weaver
CIRCULATION STAFF
Woody O'Kane, Linda Gwizdak, Frank McNeil, Rebecca Gorlin, Richard Lynn, Rick Slimkin, William A. Sweet, Michael Cain, David Griffith, Elinor W. Williams, Jim Volz, Craig Capone, S. Craig Far, Bob Gettings, Mitchell Trachtenberg, Ruth Lande, Jim Fauntleroy
COMPUTER MANAGEMENT
Roger Frye, Mark Curby, Steve Dyer
INDEXER Charles Ash
BULK DISTRIBUTION Ray Hopkins
NEW YORK REPRESENTATIVE
Rivendell Marketing, 666 6th Ave., New York, N.Y. 10010, (212) 242-6863
NEW YORK DISTRIBUTION
Ubiquity Distribution, 1050 East 4th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11230, (718) 789-3137.

Gay Community News (GCN) is dedicated to providing coverage of events and news of interest to the gay community. *GCN* is published every week (except the first week of January and the last week of August) by a non-profit corporation. All material copyright ©1985, Bromfield Street Educational Foundation, Inc., all rights reserved, reprint by permission only. Our office is located at 167 Tremont St., 5th Fl., Boston, MA 02111. (617) 426-4469.

Second-class postage paid at Boston, Mass. Annual subscription rate is \$29. ISSN: 0147-0728. Member New England Press Association, Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press. COSMEP Member.

GCN is included in the Alternative Press Index, which is published quarterly by the Alternative Press Center, Inc., Box 7229, Baltimore, MD 21218.

Volumes 1-11 of *GCN* are available on microfilm for \$30/volume. Write GCN/Microfilm for more information.

Opinions reflected in "editorial" represent the views of the editorial board. Signed letters and columns reflect the views and opinions of the authors only. Comments, criticisms, and information are always welcome from our readers: remember, it's YOUR paper!

Postmaster: Send address changes to: Gay Community News, 167 Tremont St., 5th Fl., Boston, MA 02111.

Speaking Out MOVE!

By Joseph Beam

“*They say the sun, shine for all but in some people world it never shine at all.*”
— Bob Marley

It is devastatingly ironic that the MOVE debacle occurred just days after the 15th anniversary celebrations commemorating those killed and wounded at Kent State University on May 4, 1970 and just days before the festivities honoring the life/vision of Bob Marley who died May 11, 1981. May 13, 1985: the whole world watches as Philadelphia city officials, acting as agents of normalcy and decency, evict a “radical” group of Black men, woman and children from a neighborhood of “normal” Black men, women and children. There is much gunfire, a deluge of water, and finally, a catastrophic fire; its after/math: 11 Black people dead, 53 Black families homeless, one Black mayor accepting full responsibility, millions of dollars in property damage, too many unanswered questions, and a multitude of psychic scars.

Now, weeks later, below a clear, smokeless sky, one still smells the stench of Black flesh turning blacker. The buildings have been razed as have myriad questions. I am deeply afraid. I have been wounded and it will fester.

As a Black gay man who is a writer, I am afraid for my life and my home. Because I am a writer, my work begins with ideas which are different. If they are not different and insightful then perhaps I am more of a hack than a writer. MOVE had ideas too, quite different from my own, but valid for them nonetheless. Poet Sonia Sanchez, speaking about the invasion of Grenada, says:

An *idea* was threatening in the Caribbean. And what I’m saying is simply this: What is threatening in the Caribbean is threatening in this country too. This country is talking about, if you have a different idea, or if you look differently, or dress in a different fashion, or if you have different ideas about the world — you are a threat. That is very frightening. We are talking about very critical times at this point.¹

I am distressed additionally as a writer because I have a profound belief in the power of words. That words allow us to negotiate peaceably and discuss our differences. I am disheartened when dialogue ceases, when words fail so utterly, so fatally.

I am more fearful for my life because I am gay. To many, I am different: a queer, a sex radical, an opponent to the nuclear family. I am considered abnormal and indecent. What prospects for the future do I have? What degree of safety is offered me? Will I still be denied custody of my children? Will I still be beaten and bashed in the streets? Harassed on the job and in my neighborhood? Will funds continue to be deflected from AIDS research? I am afraid. I have no idea what havoc the purveyors of decency have in store for me.

But I am most fearful for my life because I am Black. I know, more deeply than I care to acknowledge, that even in 1985, my life and meager possessions are as expendable as ever. I am terrified of governmental equations: more money for the military, less money for social programs; the deaths of 11 Black radicals to insure the sanity of 270 normal, now homeless, Black people. The scales, rarely, if ever, tip in my/our favor. We have lost our lives and our

Community Voices

no go for beebo

Dear *GCN*:

The producers of the BEEBO BRINKER PROJECT wish to announce that the project has been postponed indefinitely.

The project was over a year and a half in the making when postponement was decided upon, due to circumstances concerning collaboration.

The BEEBO BRINKER PROJECT began in August 1983 with a letter from Susie Chancey to Naiad Press, requesting permission to transform Ann Bannon’s famous 1950s novel into a theatrical production. After negotiations, permission was granted and a contract signed.

When permission was granted, a committee was organized to produce the play, including a script writer, publicist, choreographer and volunteers.

In November 1984 professional producers Kath Delaney and Irene Hall took control of the producing arm of the project, while former producer and Director Susie Chancey held a series of auditions and found a cast with an eye toward June 1985 production.

When unresolvable stumbling blocks appeared in the production’s path, the project’s producers declared postponement until total collaboration could be attained by the parties involved. A June 1985 production became clearly an unrealistic

goal.

BEEBO BRINKER & CO. have been active in the Boston community for almost two years at this writing — we have received many letters from out-of-state, and practical support and involvement on the hometown front. We have held public readings; a spaghetti dinner with slide show and drama; were heralded at Gay Pride ’84 by the Saints and their red cadillac convertible; held a BEEBO portrait contest; and gathered many friends and supporters through all these events, and through our auditions. BEEBO lives as an artistic concept; we have faith that the telling of her story through theatre will eventually come about within a company of committed collaborators.

We thank BEEBO lovers everywhere for all you have given to the project. We encourage you to stay involved with lesbian and gay culture.

Susie Chancey
Originator and Director
Kath Delaney
Producer
Irene Hall
Associate Producer
Cambridge, MA

Special VD Screening Available

By the Fenway Community Health Center

We are beginning a new program to significantly reduce the cost of health services to our client community. As of May 6, an asymptomatic screening for gonorrhea and syphilis will be offered for \$15. This special program is available only to individuals who are currently *not* symptomatic or have *not* had contact with an individual known to have either illness. (This is because medical protocols are different and more costly for individuals who are either symptomatic or who have had a contact known to be infected.) A significant portion of gonorrhea and syphilis cases are asymptomatic and often go untreated for some time. The chances of passing on either disease is greatest if the infected person doesn’t realize he or she is contagious.

This screening program is currently planned to last for 20 weeks. If successful, it will be continued and expanded to include other services. As a progressive community health center, it is our goal to provide sensitive and high quality community health care at the lowest possible cost. We want to reduce the price of basic health care needs such as the general physical exam, the basic gynecological exam, and venereal disease screening, so that everyone in the city can afford these services. With this program we hope to encourage preventive health practices in our patients.

We are pleased to offer a program that provides preventive care at a reduced cost. It is important to realize that both gonorrhea and syphilis can be carried with few or no symptoms. Regular check-ups are important for health of both patients and partners. This is especially true now that we are concerned that other diseases may influence the outcome of exposure to the HTLV-III virus. People need to stay healthy.

To find out more about the new program or to schedule an appointment, call the Fenway Community Health Center at 267-7573, Monday through Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., or Friday and Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Payment for the program must be made at the time of the visit.

homes. We may have also lost the benefits of Wilson Goode’s promising political career. We have lost.

I cannot condone anyone’s violence. Violence so thoroughly informs my existence that it is the veritable fabric of the shirt on my back. I suffer in jail, on junk, during wartime, on the street, in Atlanta, in Jonestown, in Grenada, and in South Africa. I know, too, that when I die the inquiries are swift and cursory. I am forced to submit, sometimes fatally, to cops, legislators, gentrifiers, school officials, medical professionals, and employers.

I am scared to death.

Afraid of an old tune, as familiar as it is dissonant:

Move nigger/Move faggot/dyke/Move
Move rastaman/Move hippie/Move
Move kikes/japs/spics/Move
Move socialists/communists/liberals/Move
Move/right/right/Move
Move poor people/old people/punks/Move
Move artists/dreamers/visionaries/Move
Move woman/Move to the alley/Move to the pool table
Move/Back to your cell/Move boy
Move Malcolm/Martin/Medgar
Move Gandhi/Biko/Move South Africans
Move Native Americans/Move Rosa Parks
Move back/Move Right/Move en masse
Move fast
Move thoughtlessly
MOVE OR BE KILLED

We are those people, moving through our lives as if without memory, without making the very necessary connections. We have all been here before. What is our move/ment?

So much have been said, so little been done. They still killing, killing the people and they having, having, having lots of fun. Killing the people, having their fun —Bob Marley

Joseph Beam is a Philadelphia-based Black writer.

“Speaking Out” is part of our continuing effort to provide a true forum of opinion for the community. We encourage you to send your ideas, feelings and comments to us and we encourage you to respond to any ideas expressed in this space. Submissions to “Speaking Out” should be TYPED and DOUBLE SPACED, and, if possible, held to under 5 pages in length. The opinions expressed in “Speaking Out” do not necessarily reflect the views of the newspaper, the staff or the advertisers. Write c/o Speaking Out, GCN, 167 Tremont St., 5th Fl., Boston, MA 02111.

child abuse

Dear *GCN*:

I am writing in defense of Donald Babets and David Jean, the two Gay gentlemen who thus far have been denied by the DSS the caring and loving of two foster children.

I am married. My wife and I have a 2½ year-old boy. I am also a Transvestite, likewise a member of a sexual minority. The majority of Heterosexuals would have one believe a cross-dresser, like a Gay, could not be a good, kind, loving and caring parent (father).

The question society faces is not whether Mr. Babets or Mr. Jean are Gay, but rather what can society do to save millions of natural born, with natural parents, children from the savagery of child abuse.

Millions of children this year will be verbally abused. They will be psychologically abused. They will suffer the hurt of physical brutality. And in more and more cases they will be sexually attacked, raped and molested by one or both heterosexual parents.

Child abuse in this country is a rampant, national disgrace. Having come from such a background it is most frustrating to explain to anyone

that child abuse originates primarily from heterosexuals. My mother and father were both straight. Whoppee! What does their sexuality prove?

Everytime I read about a case of child abuse, an adult male and an adult woman are involved. In just about every case they are married. Heterosexuality per se does *not* make a person a good parent. By the same token homosexuality per se does *not* make a person a bad parent. Society has a responsibility to all the abandoned young to provide good, kind and loving parents.

Society owes them the opportunity to get the best type of parenting person possible. Gays are God’s children, just like straights are God’s children. For society to attempt to play God by denying any homosexual the right to be a parent is nothing short of criminal.

Perhaps the attention brought by the media to this case will help nurture a wellspring of support for the passing of Gay Rights legislation. Discrimination is against the law. Remember?

Valerie Vincent
Tiffany Club
Wayland, MA

**Gay Community News is
now in its twelfth year of
publication. Have you sub-
scribed yet? You save \$21.00
off the newsstand price when
you purchase a one-year sub-
scription. (So do it today and
don't miss another issue!)**

SUBSCRIBE!

Send me Gay Community News!

My name is _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

New Subscription ☐ Renewal ☐

1 year \$29.00 \$ _____

25 weeks \$17.00 \$ _____

25 weeks/low income \$10.00 \$ _____

I would like to contribute towards a free
subscription for a lesbian or gay prisoner. \$ _____

Enclosed is my check or money order for \$ _____

These rates are for subscriptions within the USA. Add 50% for foreign, including Canada. Amounts received in excess will be considered donations, which are greatly appreciated.

Mail to: GCN Subscriptions, 167 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02111

GCN is published by a non-profit educational foundation.

CAREER/JOB CHANGE Graduation-Job Search

Our experienced staff will work with you individually to:

- do strategic planning for your marketing campaign
- develop an effective resume
- make best-fit comparisons of your offers
- assess your career to date

Our licensed staff consists of psychologists, social workers, and psychiatrists. For information call **262-9116**.

Information-Evaluation-Referral Service
Insurance accepted.



**behavior
associates**

45 Newbury Street, Boston
Near the Arlington Street MBTA

Specializing in short-term, problem-focused therapy

ARADIA



COUNSELING FOR WOMEN

Individual, Couple & Group
Counseling

Call 247-4861, ext. 58

520 Commonwealth Avenue
Kenmore Square
Sliding Scale Fee
Health Insurance Accepted



FENWAY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

16 Haviland Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02115 (617) 267-7573

Open Monday-Saturday Appointment necessary - evenings available.
Located between Auditorium and Symphony Green Line T stops,
one block west of Massachusetts Ave. at Berklee College of Music.

PATIENT-CENTERED HEALTH CARE IS OUR HALLMARK

Podiatry • General Medicine • Family Planning • Women's Health
• Geriatrics • Mental Health • Sports Medicine • Nutrition •
Minor Surgery • Sexually Transmitted Disease • Dermatology

- 24-HOUR ON-CALL EMERGENCY SERVICE
- OPEN TO ALL REGARDLESS OF RESIDENCE
- REASONABLE FEES/PAYMENT PLANS
- MAJOR INSURANCE AND VISA/MASTERCARD ACCEPTED

**14 YEARS OF QUALITY HEALTH CARE TO BOSTON'S LESBIAN/GAY
COMMUNITY AND BACK BACK BAY/FENWAY STUDENT & ELDERLY RESIDENTS**

AIDS Action Committee
Presents the Award Winning

THE A·I·D·S SHOW

ARTISTS INVOLVED WITH
DEATH & SURVIVAL

Featuring the first East Coast appearance of the original
12 member San Francisco cast.



A dramatic collage of vignettes and songs dealing with the issues of AIDS

Boston's Little Theater

261 Tremont Street
(next to the Shubert Theater)

Premiere Performance and Champagne Reception

June 13 at 8PM. Tickets \$25.00

Other Performances

June 14, 15, 16 at 8PM. Tickets \$12.50

June 16 Matinee at 2 PM. Tickets \$12.50

Tickets Available at Bostix, Glad Day Bookstore, or AIDS Action Committee 536-7733

All proceeds to benefit the AIDS Action Committee
Funded in part by a grant from the Boston Arts Lottery Council

TICKET INFORMATION

I would like _____ tickets for the Champagne Opening on Thursday
June 13, 8PM, at \$25 each.

I would like _____ tickets at \$12.50 each for

- ☐ June 14 at 8PM
- ☐ June 15 at 8PM
- ☐ June 16 2PM Matinee
- ☐ June 16 at 8PM

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Please make check payable to AIDS Action Committee

Mail to AIDS Action Committee, 16 Haviland St., Boston, MA 02115

This project is funded in part by a grant from Boston Arts Lottery Council.

AUTO INSURANCE

- Rates quoted over the phone.
- Same day registration service.
- Convenient payment plan.

NO SERVICE FEES

731-1015 **782-0400**
Boston/Brookline Allston/Brighton

Kunevich & Lau
Insurance Agency

When Life Gets Out Of Control

you're eating or drinking too much...can't stop spending money...can't make or keep friends...and you worry, feel desperate, but can't change.

Help is available.

South End Counseling

Methuen: 687-4383
Boston: 437-9643



CELEBRATE GAY PRIDE WITH US
Discount memberships during June!

★ ★ **STRENGTH** ★ ★

South End Gym
1355-A Washington St. #108
Boston, Ma. 02118
451-3514

★ ★ **SIZE** ★ ★



GENERAL DENTISTRY

DR. JOHN C. BARNA
D.M.D.

790 BOYLSTON STREET
10 FAIRFIELD PLAZA
BOSTON, MA 02116

APPOINTMENT 617-353-1500

DLC

DAVID L. COLLINS, C.L.U.

Insurance for all your needs

Suite 830
50 Congress Street
Boston, Mass. 02109

Orleans Shopping Plaza
E. Orleans, Mass. 02643

1-800-352-3185

Call Toll Free 1-800-352-3185

1080 BELMONT STREET
WATERTOWN, MA 02172

489-4047

EXPRESSIONS

HAIR SKIN NAILS

MEN AND WOMEN

AVANTGARDE NEWWAVE TRADITIONAL

WAXING MAKE-UP PERMS COLORS

Gay operated
Doug & Jay

Minutes from Rt. 128 & Mass-Pike

GAYELLOW PAGES

INFORMING THE GAY COMMUNITY SINCE 1973
Accommodations, AA groups, bars, baths, bookstores, businesses, counselors, dentists, doctors, hotels, lawyers, mail order, media, publications, organizations, religious groups, services, social groups, switchboards, therapists, travel agents, etc., etc., etc. (area codes & zip codes too!)

USA & CANADA \$10.

NEW YDRK/NEW JERSEY \$3.50; includes Manhattan bar notes & women's section.

SOUTHERN EDITION \$3.50; Alabama, Arkansas, N. & S. Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia

NORTHEAST EDITION \$3.50; Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, W. Virginia.

SPARTACUS INTERNATIONAL GAY GUIDE for men \$20; The rest of the world: does not include USA or Canada, men's coverage only.

Renaissance House, Box 292GCN Village Station, NY, NY 10014 212-929-7720. All books discreetly by first class mail; your name kept strictly confidential. To list a business or organization, or for further information, send stamped self-addressed business-size envelope. Please contact us for prices outside the USA. In Canada, order from Glad Day Books, 648A Yonge St., Toronto, Ontario M4Y 2A6 416-961-4161 (check for prices).

Ask us about Gayellow Pages on mailing labels!

GLCS Gay and Lesbian Counseling Services

Two groups are now forming at the Gay and Lesbian Counseling Services (GLCS):

Married Men's Group

A supportive group for gay and bisexual men who have been in heterosexual marriages or relationships.

Groups for Friends and Lovers of People with AIDS

A time-limited support group (12 weeks) for individuals in significant relationships with persons with AIDS.

Please call Alan Tweedy, L.I.C.S.W. at GLCS for more information on these services.

GLCS is a licensed mental health clinic which has been serving the community since 1974

542-5188

Weekdays 10AM-9PM
Confidential Services
Convenient Downtown Location

- GLCS is a non-profit corporation
- Special funding for alcohol-related counseling

- Sliding Fee Scale/Insurance Accepted
- No one denied services for inability to pay

All insurance claims filed under CSI

BUSINESS GUIDE

BOSTON-AREA GAY/LESBIAN BUSINESS GUIDE

ACCOMMODATIONS

OASIS GUEST HOUSE
22 Edgerly Rd.
Boston, MA 02115
(617) 267-2262

ACCOUNTING/BOOKKEEPING

AT YOUR SERVICE
634 Mass Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02139
(617) 547-7117

AUDITING/TAXES

LILLIAN GONZALEZ
Certified Public Accountant
160 State Street
Boston, MA 02109
(617) 523-1060

BOOKSTORES

GLAD DAY BOOKSTORE
43 Winter St.
Boston, MA 02108
(617) 542-0144

CHIROPRACTORS

HARMONY CHIROPRACTIC
699 Somerville Ave.
Somerville, MA 02143
628-9547

DR. DAVID MOULTON
678 Mass Ave
Suite 405
Cambridge, MA 02139
864-1197

DR. JONATHAN D. STEIN
375 Harvard St.
Brookline, MA 02146
(617) 232-7200

DR. DAVID STOLER
SKARDIS MEDICAL ASSOCIATES
1842 Beacon St.
Brookline, MA 02146
232-8585

CINEMA

TREMONT ART 1 & 2
204 Tremont St.
Boston, MA 02111
482-4662

CLEANING

GRIMESOLVERS!
Residential & Commercial Cleaning Service
501 Shirley St.
Winthrop, MA 02152
(617) 846-5146

DATING SERVICES

BUDDY'S
New England Area
(603) 880-7625

DENTISTRY

JOHN BARNA
790 Boylston St.
Boston, MA 02199
(617) 353-1500

DR. RICHARD BANKHEAD
DR. PAUL GROIPEN
1259 Hyde Park Ave.
Hyde Park, MA 02136
(617) 364-5500

ELECTROLYSIS

Judy Feiner
678 Mass Ave
Cambridge, MA 02139
(617) 497-2019

FLORISTS

REMEMBRANCES FLORAL DESIGN
12 Mt. Auburn St.
Watertown Square, MA 02172
(617) 926-4289

INSURANCE

DAVID L. COLLINS, CLU
Suite 830
50 Congress St.
Boston, MA 02109
1-800-352-3185

KUNEVICH & LAU
INSURANCE AGENCY
241 Washington St.
Brookline, MA 02146
731-1015

LIMOUSINE SERVICES

WAITES ROLLS ROYCE
Christopher Waites
(617) 567-0420
(305) 564-1292

MEDICAL/COUNSELING

ARADIA COUNSELING FOR WOMEN
520 Commonwealth Ave.
Kenmore Square
Boston, MA 02115
(617) 247-4861

JACK CEMPELLIN, M.S.
COUNSELING AND HYPNOSIS
8 Woodbury Court
Salem, MA 01970
(617) 745-2939

COUNSELING ASSOCIATES
23 East Main St.
Westboro, MA 01581
(617) 366-8576

GAY AND LESBIAN COUNSELING SERVICE
600 Washington St., Rm. 219
Boston, MA 02111
542-5188

FRANCIS GIAMBRONE, MA, COUNSELING
110 Orchard St.
Somerville, MA 02144
(617) 628-6988

FENWAY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER
16 Haviland St.
Boston, MA 02115
(617) 267-7573
MASS. BAY COUNSELING ASSOC.
25 Huntington Ave. #331
Boston, MA 02116
(617) 353-0225

DR. KENNETH H. ORTH
Psychotherapist
319 Mass. Ave.
Arlington, MA 02174
(617) 643-1112

PLACE/HOTLINE AND COUNSELING
32 Rutland St.
Boston, MA
(617) 267-9150

TAPESTRY, Inc.
20 Sacramento St.
Cambridge, MA 02138
(617) 661-0248

MOVERS

BOSTON TRUCKING CO.
(617) 641-1234

REAL ESTATE

RACHAEL REALTY CO. INC.
318 Harvard St. #31
The Arcade Building
Brookline, MA 02146
277-0230

REMODELING

LITTLE BEAR AND COMPANY
(617) 296-1770

RESUMES

AT YOUR SERVICE
634 Mass Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02139
(617) 547-7117

TAXES/FINANCIAL PLANNING

MARJORIE E. POSNER
CERT. FINANCIAL PLANNER
33 Ashcroft St.
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
524-7565

TRAVEL

FOREX TRAVEL
76 Arlington St.
Boston Park Plaza
482-2900

NOBSCOTT TRAVEL AND SHUTTLE SERVICE
795 Water St.
Framingham, MA 01701
(617) 877-2278
(617) 235-2040

T-SHIRT PRINTING

COMMUNITY GRAPHIC SERVICES
Anni Waterflow
17 Shepton St.
Dorchester, MA 02124
(617) 288-3106

WOMEN

NEW WORDS BOOKSTORE
186 Hampshire St.
Cambridge, MA 02139
(617) 876-5310

This guide provides a listing of gay/lesbian owned, staffed, or supportive businesses and services. To have your business or service listed (for only \$100.00 per year) call 426-4469.



Foreskin: Its Past, Its Present & . . . Its Future? Bud Berkeley and Joe Tiffenbach / Published 1983 by Bud Berkeley / Box 20611, San Francisco, CA 94126 / \$13.95 (plus \$2 postage and handling) paper. 208 pages.

Foreskin Quarterly numbers 1 and 2 / Official journal of the Uncircumcised Society of America / Edited by Bud Berkeley / Alternate Publishing, 964 Folsom St., San Francisco, CA 94107 / \$10/1 year, sample copy \$2.50.

Circumcision: The Painful Dilemma / Rosemary Romberg / South Hadley, MA: Bergin & Garvey Publishers, 1985 / \$14.95 paper, \$29.95 hardbound. 457 pages.

Reviewed by John Kyper

foreskin envy

my squalling protests counted as nothing
to the masked monster in white
wielding a knife to my genitals
a few years later my mother told me
that baby boys were supposed to be circumcised
(who was i to challenge her parental wisdom?)

the first uncut cock i ever saw
fascinated me — i fantasized about it
i used to imagine that uncircumcised guys
would get more sexual satisfaction than i could
— hiding my adolescent pain at not getting any

a decade later i call it foreskin envy
as i become delirious with orgasmic joy

— John Kyper
reprinted from Fag Rag No.20 (summer 1977)

"Isn't this a rather exotic fetish?" a boyfriend asked me as he leafed through my copy of *FQ* No.2. Somewhat bemused by my ravenous worship of his ample foreskin and by my strong opinions on the subject, he added, "I'm both repelled by this, and yet drawn to it."

After a moment of reflection, I allowed that while my "foreskin envy" was indeed a fetish, I wasn't sure it was all that exotic. For years I have "shared notes" with other gay men on the subject of circumcision. Beside my early discovery that uncut dicks are usually more fun to play with and easier to suck on (and generally not at all gross, hygienically, as popular prejudice would have it), I found a pervasive interest in the subject, among both those who were circumcised and those who were not.

Most of those who ventured an opinion to me were opposed to the operation as a routine neonatal procedure; only a small minority were unthinkingly pro-circumcision. The common male fascination with other men's genitals must remain for the majority of men an unrequited lust. As gays we are fortunate in being able to acknowledge it openly — and of course act upon it.

All too frequently, this fascination is twisted by sexual repression to humiliate and harass those who do not fit the prevailing cock-style of their society. Anyone



Drawing from The Foreskin Finders List

CIRCUMCISION... Cu

under Nazi occupation found to be circumcised could be accused of being Jewish unless he could somehow prove otherwise, a major theme of Arthur Miller's play "Incident at Vichy." And in postwar United States, where the circumcision rate until recently has hovered around 90 percent, those who grew up different usually had to endure from peers and superiors alike the insistent pressure to get clipped and conform.

The story that Bud Berkeley tells in the prologue to *Foreskin* is not untypical for those who grew up during that period: Born in Hollywood Hospital, like most of his contemporaries he discovered that he was the only boy who, somehow, still had his foreskin. Of his relatives, only his father was uncircumcised — leading him to suspect that he had vetoed the operation because he wanted his eldest son to be his "cock-sake."

Perhaps his father felt he was doing Berkeley a favor, but for a long time he hated his penis for the taunts that he received from the other boys, who kept reminding him that his "tail" needed trimming. As an adolescent cadet in a boys' school things got worse: now in addition to his peers he had to deal with a sadistic doctor who forced him to pull back his toreskin during his monthly physical examination — to end up with an embarrassing hard-on. Each time the doctor would give him a note to take home, which he instinctively hid because he sensed they were about circumcision.

He was finally taken to see the family doctor, who examined his penis and asked him if he wanted to be circumcised. "No!" he blurted, making the choice between his secret desire to look like everyone else and his determination to not allow the brats at school to have the last laugh. For a long time afterwards, Berkeley wondered if he had made the right decision. He wondered why that doctor was so obsessed with getting him clipped, suspecting he wanted to do it himself. Disconcertingly, he discovered as he was pondering that he would usually end up with a full erection.

Going away to college gave him the opportunity to get it done, free of that hellish boys' school. He made an appointment at the university hospital, but by the time his date came around he was involved in the swim team and could not bring himself to explain to the coach why he would need several days off — so he stood up the campus circumciser. Besides, he had discovered in the showers that there were others who still had their foreskins intact. He was not alone!

Two years later, as ROTC student-officer, he rebelled when a hated Major demanded that he and four others get circumcised. Several weeks later in the showers he came across a fellow student-officer who had not been so outspoken. Remembering the graceful foreskin, which had been replaced by an ugly red scar, he felt confirmed that he had made the right decision.

After college he lived for a while in London, in a land where his appurtenance was not an oddity subject to derision, and he learned of the excitement with which many circumcised men view a roll of foreskin covering over a cockhead. His interest piqued, he researched in the British Museum and read everything he could find on the subject, particularly about the colliding of English imperialism against the Moslem cultures of India and Africa during the 18th and 19th centuries. Islamic custom prescribed the forced circumcision of captured "Infidels" — thousands of colonial soldiers lost their foreskins in this manner. The empire-builders reacted by instituting circumcision as a military-medical precaution for those who could not retract their foreskins. Ultimately this tradition fed into a pathological Victorian hysteria against masturbation, an obsession that crossed the ocean to other English-speaking countries, including the United States.

Circumcision was touted as a "cure" for this most natural of activities (how naive!). The epidemic of venereal disease during the First World War provided doctors with renewed, and equally absurd, justification for what was becoming, after all, a very profitable procedure. Beginning a U.S. military tradition that was not to be seriously challenged until Vietnam, medical officers would employ threats and cajolery to circumcise as many soldiers as they could, especially during the lull between battles.

During the 1970s Berkeley became a tour guide in the Middle East, the perfect place for him to continue his investigation into this curious human practice. An affair with a Maronite Christian youth led him to prolong his stay in Lebanon. But the civil war was heating up in 1974, and he heard that Moslems were being admitted to the hospital with their earlobes hacked off in retaliation for forced circumcision of Christians. When he learned that a classroom of Maronite boys had been kidnapped by Moslem militiamen to have their foreskins carved in a dirty garage, he decided it was time to leave the country.

Once back home, he decided to advertise in a number of gay and underground publications, looking for men willing to talk and write about their views and experiences on the subject. The response was overwhelming, and in 1976 he formed the Uncircumcised Society of America (U.S.A.), which functions both as a forum and a correspondence club that features a "Foreskin Finder" list for those eager to advertise what

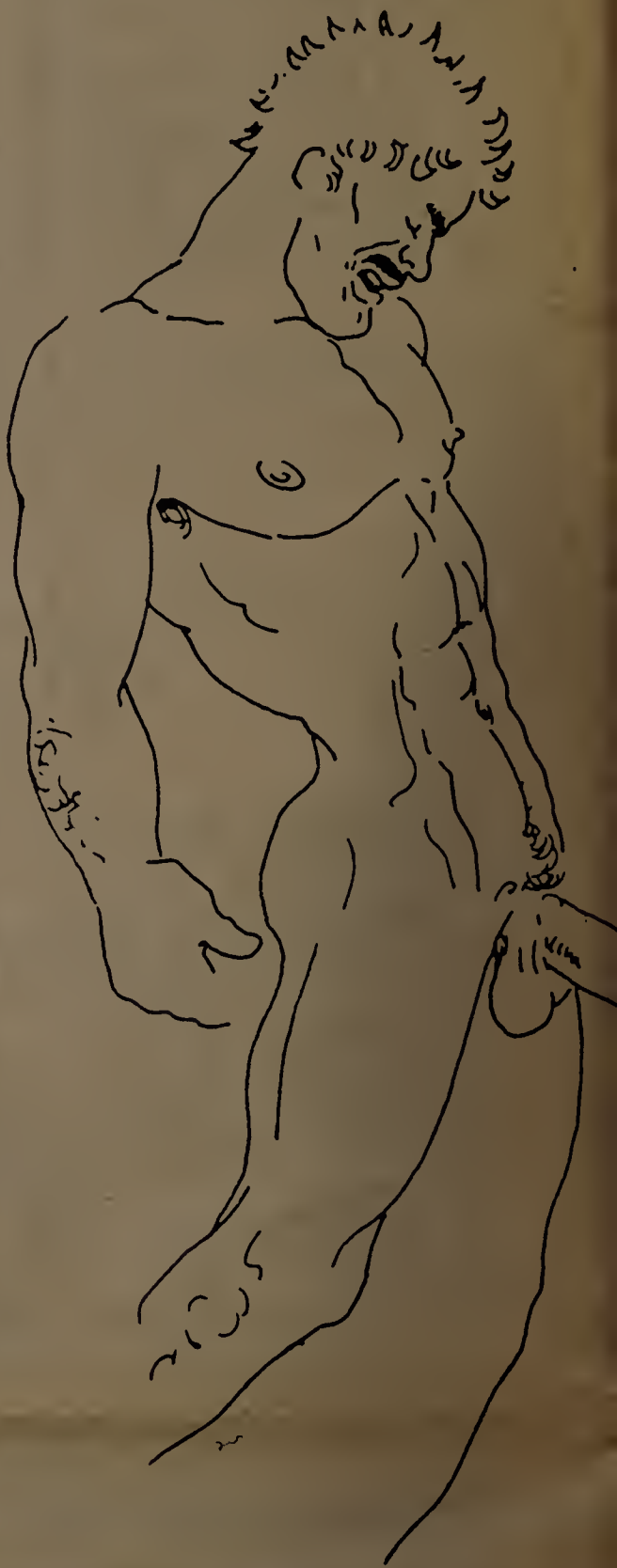


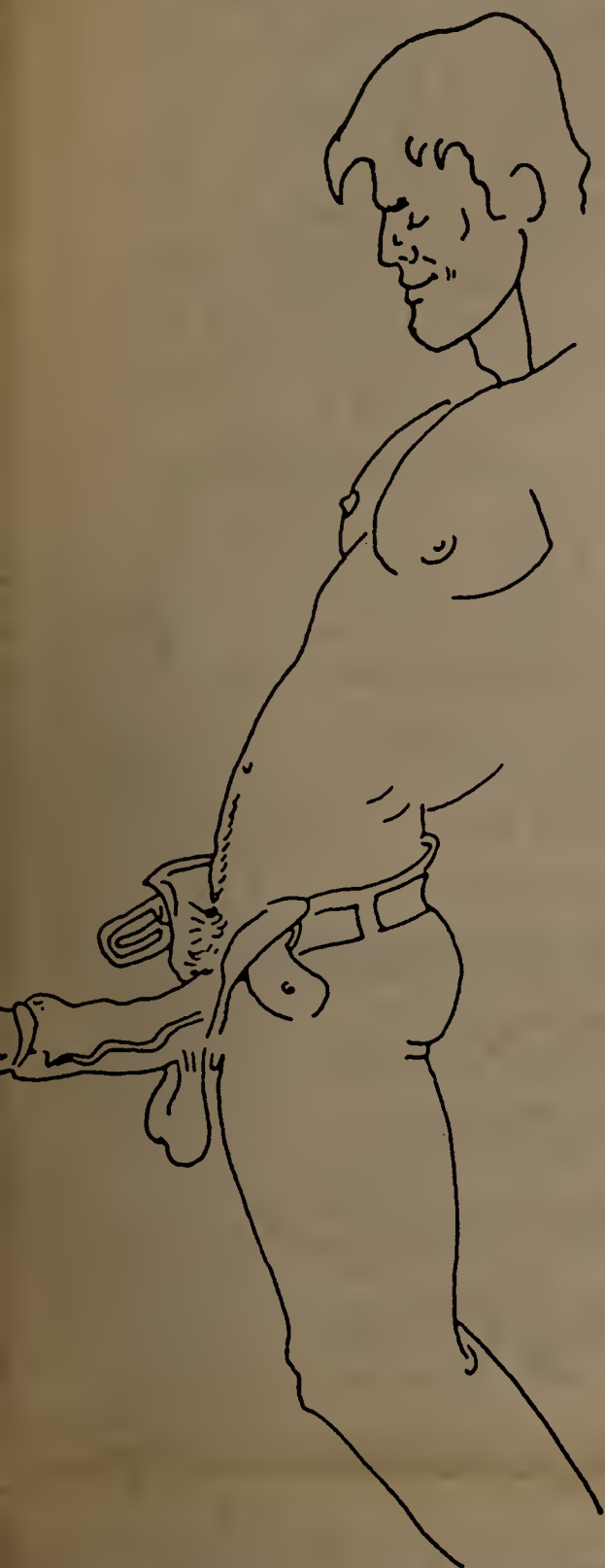
Photo by Adam and Company

they have and/or seek. Subsequently, he began contributing to *Drummer*; and the popular leather magazine soon featured a column written by "Dr. Skinnon," the pseudonym of an intact urologist, who fielded questions and comments from his primarily gay and male audience.

Berkeley's book *Foreskin* is a compendium that traces his own odyssey from self-loathing over his penile nonconformity, to pride over possessing something that many men covet. It then gives us a historical overview of the subject — the origins of circumcision are buried in prehistory long before some of the ancient Egyptians, and then the Hebrews, adopted the practice. The second half is collected commentary of scores of individuals who contacted him through the U.S.A., or wrote to "Dr. Skinnon." This part of the book is the weakest and least organized, an impression aggravated by a number of typographical errors in the text.

Self-published, it is definitely a "labor of love" (so to speak), a contribution to men's consciousness-raising on this, if you will, touchy subject. And I should not forget to mention that the many photographs by co-author Joe Tiffenbach, featuring dozens of shots of both penis styles, also makes this a very hot stroke book. Not surprisingly, it has gone into several printings since it first appeared two years ago, and it has become an underground best-seller. I hope the authors will be encouraged to bring out a second edition, to improve the valuable work they have created.

Getting Close to Home



Drawings from Foreskin



Photo by Joe Tiffenbach

Capitalizing on the book's success and advertising it even further, Bud Berkeley has brought out *Foreskin Quarterly*, billed as "the Official Journal of the Uncircumcised Society of America" and published by the same folks who bring us *Drummer* and *Mach*. The first two issues of *FQ* present an arresting smorgasbord of erotica, news and historical items about circumcision, and *more* commentary. Among the latter are broadsides from INTACT ("Infants Need To Avoid Circumcision Trauma"), also founded in 1976, which has campaigned against routine circumcision; and those from ACORN, a "foreskins anonymous" group, which performs "SIRCumcisions" on those men who beg for it convincingly — with a hard enough erection.

To imagine being circumcised may be the perfect S&M fantasy, but like a prepuce, it's a luxury I've never had and can't really understand. All that was taken away before I was ever granted the right to an opinion in the matter. Despite their seemingly antagonistic stances, both INTACT and ACORN start from the common proposition that circumcision is a decision that the individual has the supreme right to make for himself. Like the fight for abortion and the related struggle for women's reproductive rights, the fundamental issue is that of an individual's having control over his/her own body, against a patriarchal medical profession and, behind that, patriarchal social and religious dogma that seek to impose "solutions" upon people "for their own good."

Of course, the categories I've cited in *FQ* frequently overlap — news items and personal accounts can be very erotic, along with the fiction, the graphics and the

hot pix. Getting back to the original question, yes, I suppose this fetish can be as "exotic" as one wants to make it. Perhaps I shouldn't quibble because a few of the pieces seemed extremely silly, like "How to Spot an Uncut Man" (one would be better off to ask, or go somewhere like Latin America, Europe or the Far East, where the odds would be in favor of what you're seeking), or a list of "Famous Foreskins" (my roommate claims that a couple of the people mentioned were Jewish, but I must confess I did get a charge out of learning that James Dean was allegedly unclipped).

"Uncut Video" is a regular column that seeks to address the problem that the vast majority of beefcake porn in our society is circumcised (not to mention white). One installment focused on erotica from France, now available on video. In the other issue this column made tantalizing mention of two Japanese-made porn flicks. I remember once in a store browsing through a book of Roy Dean nudes (whose work is also featured herein) that included a couple of *very* sexy shots of Japanese men. (How I wish I'd bought the book!) That's what this publication needs: more foreskins of color.

Unfortunately, *FQ* also suffers from occasional typos, lines and even pages out of order, as well as cheap printing, which sometimes renders the hot details almost invisible. And I should not neglect to mention an objectionable, racist cartoon in issue No.2, of some Asians "skinning" a captive white G.I. I hope *FQ* will avoid such reprehensible attempts at "humor" in the future. The magazine and its readers deserve better than this.

I'm told that *FQ* No.3 is due out any day now. I can hardly wait to see it.

• • •

Like Bud Berkeley, Rosemary Romberg's book *Circumcision: The Painful Dilemma* developed out of her immediate personal experience with the subject, as the mother of three sons. Although becoming increasingly involved in the "natural childbirth" movement during the 1970s, she did not give much thought to the issue of whether or not her children should be circumcised. Like most parents in our society, she was a victim of the ignorant assumption that all newborn baby boys underwent this operation. Her few, barely-formed questions were met with even more vague justifications, from her husband and from nearly everyone else she asked, of "cleanliness," of "preventing infection," and the inevitable put-down that uncircumcised penises look "strange."

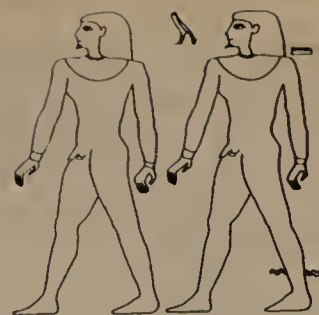
Her first two sons were born in the hospital and she did not concern herself much with what had gone on between delivery and when she held them after circumcision. She did notice, however, a few disquieting signs: Eric, her eldest son, was very difficult to first get to nurse, and he would wail uncontrollably whenever his diapers were being changed.

By the time her third son, Ryan, was born she had become a devotee of the Leboyer method of birthing, which believes that a child should be welcomed into the world in a quiet, gentle home environment, instead of the impersonality and bright lights of a maternity ward. Against her better judgment but without yet possessing any medical evidence to buttress her misgivings, she again consented to circumcision. Hearing his pitiful, frantic screams fill the clinic, she was disabused of the self-serving lie that "babies don't feel the pain" propagated by the medical profession to soothe the qualms of anxious parents. It was a gut-wrenching experience, making her feel that both of them had been violated.

She then began questioning and researching everything she could find on the subject, eventually becoming vice president of INTACT. (The organization prefers to use this word rather than "uncircumcised," because the latter term implies a deficiency.) She admits that when she started she had planned to write an "objective" book, impartially examining both sides of the issue. But the overwhelming bulk of the evidence, and the anguished testimony of parents regretting what they had done to their sons, soon convinced her to change her plans.

What follows is an exhaustive work that explores circumcision from just about every angle: medical, religious, social, historical, sexual. There is also a chapter on clitoridectomy, the "female circumcision" practiced in Moslem countries. Romberg has written with insight and compassion, avoiding the fanaticism and even anti-semitism that have often marred anti-circumcision polemics in the past. Instead, she builds her argument on the realization that simple truth is the most powerful indictment.

From the doctors she quotes, it is clear there is absolutely no medical justification for the routine circumcision of infants. A more convincing reason for this practice probably lies in the extra \$50 doctors customarily pick up for a five minute procedure, a tab that insurance companies have until now paid without much question. (By contrast, the refusal of Britain's new National Health Insurance to pay for the operation has led to a dramatic decrease in the number of circumcisions there since 1947.) The tracking of newborn



males onto the operating table has been so strong that parents desiring to leave a son intact must often be insistent, even to the point of threatening legal action — and lawsuits have been won against doctors on those grounds.

Romberg examines the reasons most often touted to support the procedure, particularly the alleged possibility of developing cancer or infection later in life, and finds them wanting. They all boil down to the same kind of logic that would have us extract our teeth because they might rot. Such problems can be prevented well in advance by teaching children the proper hygiene of pulling back the foreskin and washing underneath — surely no more complicated than teaching them to brush their teeth, but an impossible task for many parents in our erotophobic society. And phimosis, the condition in which the foreskin is too tight to retract, occurs in only a small minority of intact men. It, too, is avoidable and can usually be remedied by means less drastic than cutting the foreskin off.

On the other hand, neonatal circumcision can produce complications that are far more common than the ones it is ostensibly meant to prevent. The foreskin naturally adheres to the head of the penis until the child is several years old. Ripping the skin away from the glans and cutting it leaves the end of the penis raw and exposed to the rubbing of diapers and bedsheets. The ammonia in urine frequently burns the delicate tissue, causing ulcerations, and clumsy mistakes by doctors occasionally deform the penis.

At best, the amputation of the nerve endings of the foreskin, and the robbing of the glans of the "hood" that naturally keeps it moist and warm, result in drier, tougher membrane on the glans — and the concomitant lessening of sexual sensitivity in this part of the body. Now we come to what is likely the *real* reason, lurking behind all of the varied rationalizations. In her chapter "Circumcision and Sexuality" she quotes the 13th century Rabbi Moses Maimonides, who asserts with startling directness, "The bodily injury caused to that organ is exactly that which is desired; it does not interrupt any vital function, nor does it destroy the power of generation. Circumcision simply counteracts excessive lust."

Such an important chapter is surprisingly short (nine pages) and is the weakest part of the entire book. While she includes some excellent commentary from heterosexual women, as well as the contrasting testimony of two men who had undergone circumcision in adulthood, her treatment of homosexuality is a glaring combination of ignorance and liberal condescension.

Her superficial caricature of a discussion betrays her own inability to think rationally about the subject. At the beginning of the chapter she asks, "Does circumcision contribute to homosexuality?" and later on she tries to support this speculation with the kind of pseudoscientific judgementalism she rightfully criticizes elsewhere. She cites the obvious fact that the majority of American gay men are circumcised, and that many of them prefer other circumcised men, to try to "prove" a connection somehow, as if we weren't products of the society that created us. To add insult to injury, she quotes Bud Berkeley numerous times — but refuses to name his organization in her footnotes, citing it only as "Excerpts from an Underground Newsletter."

It is a shame Rosemary Romberg has let her homophobia mar an otherwise superb book.

For more information, write: INTACT, 4521 Fremont St., Bellingham, WA 98226; Newborn Rights Society, Box 48, St. Peters, PA 19470.



Drawing from The Foreskin Finder List

STANHOPE FRAMERS

Specialists in classic contemporary framing

Natural Wood Frames FrameMica® in 36 Colors
Welded Brass & Aluminum Nielsen® Aluminum Frames
Round Corner Frames Custom Plexi-Boxes
Gold Leaf and Silver Leaf Frames

*Personal attention and service
to individuals, artists and galleries
for over eleven years*

*Finely and individually crafted
in Museum Standard Materials*

Please visit both our locations

411 Marlborough Street
At Massachusetts Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts 02115
262-0787

269 Somerville Avenue
In Union Square
Somerville, MA 02143
by appointment only
666-2000

MasterCard and Visa accepted.

Where the
gay community
meets

Now open! DOWNTOWN CAFE

12 LaGrange Street — Boston 338-7037

REAL PAPER AWARDS

Best Auto Mechanic

J&S Automotive
277 Northampton Street
Boston

It looks like a big commercial garage, but there are all these weird little things about it. Reggae music is blasting away, signs for political and union meetings are taped up, the mechanic might be a woman, and sometimes it's hard to find anyone in charge. J & S has been Boston's hippest garage for years and years and

for the last few years, it's also been the best. Even when they didn't know how to fix everything, they never cheated anybody or covered up. So, over the years, they kept learning new makes and new techniques, and now can repair about anything. Their speciality is still the pre-pollution equipment on Dodge Darts and Plymouth Valiants, those classics of reliability. But they're ready for anything and did most of the work on the antique vehicles for the movie "The Brinks Job."

(Reprinted from Real Paper, "Best of Boston," Fall, 1980)

BODY WORK TOO

J&S AUTOMOTIVE, 277 Northampton St.
One Block From Mass. Ave Busline 267-0300

TAX PREPARATION
AND PLANNING
FINANCIAL COUNSELING



**MARJORIE E.
POSNER**

33 ASHCROFT ST.
JAMAICA PLAIN, MA 02130
524-7565

Patronize our
Advertisers

Have a Question?
**BOSTON LESBIAN AND
GAY HOTLINE**
6pm-11pm, Mon-Fri
(617) 426-9371

Visiting San Francisco?

Dolores St. Bed & Breakfast

Reasonable Rates
Call (415) 861-5887

or write: Marc
381 Dolores St.
San Francisco, CA 94110

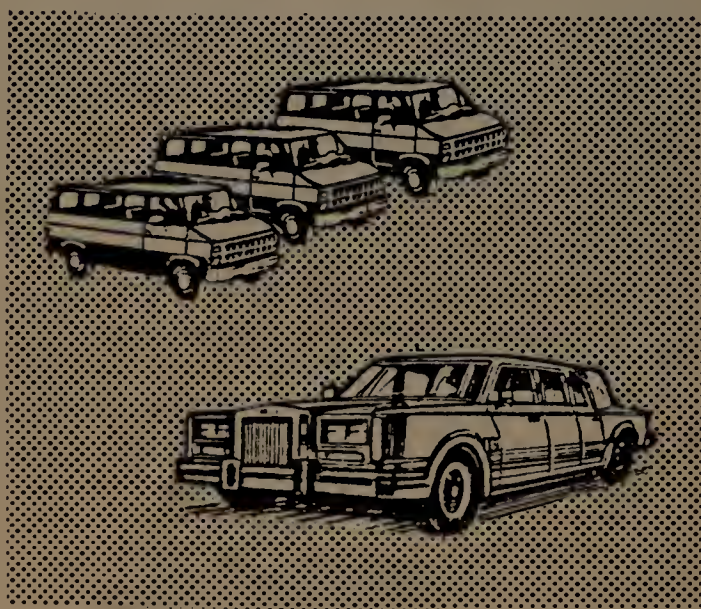
INSTANT-LIMO-POOL

Limo & Shuttle Service

*for
formal occasions,
sightseeing,
airport,
P-Town & Ogunquit*

Better than cabs and busses

- more comfortable; carpeted
- less expensive in most cases
- friendly male & female drivers
- stereo; magazines
- faster than busses



*door to door service available
service to logan available
2 daily runs to P-Town
1 daily run to Ogunquit*

call (617) 262-1864
369 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149

Gay owned and operated
Member-Provincetown Business Guild
Major credit cards accepted welcome

CELEBRATE SUMMER WITH BIJOU VIDEO SALES



William Higgins'

CALIFORNIA SUMMER PREPPY SUMMER

\$59.95
each

or both for **\$110**

To charge tapes by phone, call
1-800-932-7111
(In Illinois, call 1-800-572-2369)



To order by mail, send cashier's check, money order, or your VISA, MasterCard or American Express card number (with expiration date), plus a statement that you are over 21 to the address below. Indicate whether you need VHS or Beta formats and enclose \$3 shipping for one tape, \$4 for both tapes.

To get our complete catalog and to be placed on our mailing list, send \$1, plus your name, address, and a statement that you are over 21 to Dept. I, at the address below.



BIJOU VIDEO SALES

THE GAY VIDEO EXPERTS

1349 N. Wells, Chgo, IL 60610

TO BE TESTED OR NOT TO BE TESTED... THAT IS THE QUESTION.

- DO YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION?
- DO YOU NEED ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS?

• The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has set up a statewide network of educational and counseling centers in cooperation with Counseling Services, Inc. (GLCS), and the Fenway Community Health Center to provide information about AIDS and the new HTLV-III screening test to individuals at high risk. These sites provide individuals with ABSOLUTE CONFIDENTIALITY. Information about the utility and risks of HTLV-III screening is available at each site. Our focus at each site is educational with emphasis placed on strategies for reducing risk for individuals and explaining the meaning of negative and positive results of the HTLV-III screening.

- YOU DON'T NEED TO BE SCREENED TO BE EDUCATED.
- YOUR BEST DEFENSE AGAINST AIDS IS KNOWLEDGE.
- FOR INFORMATION AND APPOINTMENTS CALL: (617) 522-4090. OUTSIDE OF BOSTON AREA: CALL COLLECT. OR CALL THE FENWAY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER AT (617) 267-0159.

ROOMMATES

3LF's sk 4th 26+ for spacious, stable JP home w/ porches, yard, garden. Near T, semi-coop. Min alc/drugs. No smoke, no more pets. Avail. Aug. 1, negot. earlier. \$235 + . 522-7446 (49)

LF 24 seek LF 22-30 to share lge, mod, 2 bdrm apt. Lovely view. Inman Square area. Lease avail 8/1. \$305+ cheap electric heat. 492-5121 (50)

GM seeks same to share 2 bdrm apt. in Dorchester close to Savin Hill T. \$250/mo plus 1/2 util. Call Ed at 265-2744 leave message. (48)

HARVARD SQUARE

Summer sublet - possible fall option. Lesbian roommate wanted \$142 inc heat. Drug/alcohol free. 1 cat and smokers. Call Margy or Doreen at 354-7457 (49)

Lkng for non-smoking 30+ F to share spacious apt. in semi-communal hse. incl. 2 cats & washer/dryer. Convenient Som. location. Call Judy 628-3696 (w) or 666-8027 (h). (47)

Woman to share beat 7 room farmhouse in Rosl. near Arb. Sun, trees, skylight. 2 rooms are yours. No drugs, dogs. Cat ok. \$300+. I'm 32, pianist 327-3367 Dovidia (48)

LF cpl seek cpl or 2 LF's to share 6 bedroom, 2 floor house in JP near T. Sober hsehold. No more pets please. Call Kate or Kim 522-9094 eves. Leave message \$175 + August 1st. (48)

ROOMMATES

N Cambridge: GM still seeking quiet, neat, indep semi-veg, non-smoker for comfy spacious 2 br. lg veg gard, yard. \$275 + utilities. Will consider reduced summer sublet for 1 or both br's. (617) 876-8021 eves. (47)

Prof F 31 seeks same to share furnished 2 br. \$335/month includes heat. Pool and tennis courts. Nonsmoker, no pets. Waltham near Brandeis. Near T. + B&M train. Eves 647-9156. Susan available July 1. (47)

3 women with house in Newton Centre looking for 2 people to share home coop food and 1 cat. Starts immediately. Call 969-3793. (c)

GM 31 sks GM for Savin Hill 3 bdrm apt. Near T and ocean. Rent and utilities about \$215/mo. Sec. deposit. Call Dan 3 3 8. 7037 (44)

L 30's seeks same to share beautiful JP home. Frpl., yard, w/d, gard. No alcohol, drugs, cigs, or cats. Small dog ok. \$285 + util. Call Pat 522-9446 (47)

LF 33 seeks LF fr 7 room house near T in integrated nbhd of Dorchester. Yd., washer. Must be neat \$230+. Call 265-7860 (c)

2 LF's looking for friendly, responsible and independent woman to share warm, supportive, homey, 3 br atp. in Somerville \$200+ utilities. Available 7/1. Call Rachel 623-2711 evenings. (47)

ROOMEZE

-LESBIAN/GAY-

-FEMINIST-

Roommate Matching Service

\$15 fee

Confidentiality Assured
CALL 641-3095
M-F 9-6/Sat 12-5



Let's go to the clouds.

LF 30+ wanted for lge. 3 br on edge of JP. Must be mature and considerate. We are 2 LF's 28 & 30, we are quiet & like books, music and cats. Rent \$185+ util. Call and let's talk. Cindy, 566-1345 eves., 247-7517 days. (48)

GM couple seeks stable, responsible, neat person 18-22 to share 3 bdrm apt. 2 blocks from Revere T and beach. \$167/mo + utils. Call 286-1778 (48)

BROOKLINE

2 LF seek roommate for spacious 3 bedroom apt. close to T. Pets are ok. Rent is \$283 inc. heat and hot H2O. Call 277-2673. (48)

CAMBRIDGE—SOMERVILLE

Middle-aged, bisexual man wishes to share small apartment with stable, emotionally mature, financially responsible, communicative, considerate and cooperative person or couple. No pets or drugs please. Call David at 923-0082 at any hour. (c)

L seeks two others for Camb. sublet, July 1-Sept. 1. Between Inman and Harvard, sunny, yard, washer, no pets, no smoking. \$175/month. Call Stephanie at 426-4469. (c)

Woman, two kids seek L roommate for three bedroom. Have own entry, share house. Good for student. Available 7/1. \$275 + Call 244-7467 or 522-5958. (47)

HOUSING SOUGHT

GCN F staff member looking for an apt. or house to share with 1 or 2 others, M or F, pref. 30+ but let's talk. Camb./Som.(would consider JP). Under \$200/mo. Ask for Pam at 426-4469. (c)

LEAVING DC IN JULY?

LF grad student seeks apt./room for all/part of July. I can't pay much rent but will trade apt. in Phila., care for pets/plant, guard house. Any help appreciated. Call Libby at (215) 726-1313 evenings (48)

APARTMENTS

5 room apt. avail. 8/1. \$550 + util. Equidistant Inman/Harvard Sq., Somerville. Nice yard. No pets. Prefer quiet prof. women. Heavy party types need not apply. Eve. 776-0605. Birds ok. (47)

Dorchester, Jones Hill efficiency, heated, \$375 inc. everything. View sun-deck, trees, parking, lesbian house. 436-2583, not after 9pm (49)

Dorchester: 6 rm 2 bdrm owner occupied 3 family home, 1st floor recently full renovated, new furnace, kitchen, bath, \$400/month. No utilities. 282-1196 eves/wk. (48)

CHEAP SUMMER SUBLET OR 1 YEAR

2 BR in JP. Quiet safe St. w/lots of homos. 1-3 peop til Sept., rent undr 400. Aft Sept, 550+. Nr T, parks & Doyles. Lg yd, prkg. Lo utils. Call 524-7390. (49)



FOR RENT

PSYCHOTHERAPY OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT

For now and 9/1. Office between Harvard/Central Squares. Full and part-time. Leave message at 864-6432. (48)

Sunny healing/bodywork space available weekdays. Davis Square T. Women only. July 1. Call Nancy 623-5283. (47)

Handsome bodybuilder. University graduate. Desires friends for correspondence and possible longterm relationship. Honesty and discretion assured. Charles SKINNER, 36286, PO Box 2800, Lincoln NE 68502.

VERY Fem. Long brown hair, lonely, tanned and slim. Rich WOSIKA, 290-405, PO Box 777, Monroe WA 98272.

Bisexual prisoner looking for same. Age no problem. Please only people sincerely interested in correspondence reply. Richard A. GREENE, 049342 (EA-11), PO Box 500, Olustee FL 32072.

Slim muscular build. Hazel eyes. Looking for a person that doesn't mind my being in prison and who may even want to visit. Send photo if possible, no nudes. The institution doesn't have a sense of humor, ugh! Earl M. ELDER, 167-095, PO Box 45699, Lucasville OH 45699.

Gay male with a big heart and a lot of it to give to someone who wish to receive it. Every letter will receive a response. David WALLER, 168184, 777 W. Riverside Dr, Ionia MI 48846

32 yr old male looking for warm, non-holds barred relationship with a lovely drag queen or transvestite. Charles CLARK, C-023194, Box 1500, Cross City FL 32628.

Anyone out there who would like to write a lonely man for friendship, male or female, please write, Joseph BECK Jr, 42527, Box 900, Jefferson City MO 65102.

SUMMER RENTALS

PROVINCETOWN WATERFRONT APARTMENTS

Furn. apts. in quiet West End—ideal for lovers—by week, month, now through June and after Labor Day. Telephone: (617) 487-2771 or 262-7396 rates: from \$360/wk w/discounts. Ref. required. (47)

P-TOWN CONDO FOR RENT

Available last two weeks in July. Studio apt., fully equipped kitchen w/ dishwasher, washer-dryer, color tv, pool, tennis court, putt green. Short walk to water and town center. \$525/wk. Call (617) 735-7744 days or 323-7181 eves. (or leave message) (49)

RESORTS

GREENHOPE FARM

Unique all-woman country space. Beautiful post and beam farmhouse, cozy and clean. Gourmet veg. cooking, home-made breads, cheese and yogurt. Baby horse, goats and ducklings. From skiing to skinny dipping, we're open year round. 3 1/2 hrs. from Boston. (802) 533-7772

CHECK'ER OUT AT THE CHECK'ER INN

Dbl rms, coffee by fireside, pkg, apts also avail, 1 blk bay, open year round. 487-9029, 25 Winthrop St, P'town, MA 0 2 6 5 7

BRINLEY VICTORIAN INN

Explore Newport but let us harbor you with warm + friendly service, romantic Victorian decor, fresh flowers, cont. brkft. (401)849-7645. (13/1)

GABRIEL'S

Guest rooms and apartments. Centrally located. Hot tub, garden patio, cable tv, coffee. 104 Bradford St. Provincetown, MA 02657. Reservations: (617) 487-3232. Open year round. (c)

VERMONT GUESTHOUSE

Bed + Cont Bkfst for Lesbians and Gay Men in a country village house 2 hrs fr Bos. Yr-round. Nr lakes, hikes, skiing. Dave + Mike (802)348-7840.

BED & BREAKFAST IN N.Y.

Enjoy a decadent weekend in a charming, lesbian owned, N.Y. brownstone — only 1 subway stop from Manhattan. Be pampered by having breakfast served in bed, and sipping a complimentary bottle of champagne on arrival. For more information, call (718)625-2653, THE RADCLIFFE HALL. (13/36)

THE GREENHOUSE

Women's Guesthouse, cozy, comfortable, parking, cont. bkfst, off season rates. 18 Pearl St.-Box 22 P'Town Ma 02657 (617) 487-2210 (0)

ORGANIZATIONS

HETEROSEXISM, RACISM

Sexism, anti-Semitism, multicultural issues. Workshops by national consultants for your organization (municipal, professional, political, educational) or business. Contact Equity Institute in Amherst, MA at (413)256-6902. Co-directors Carole Lannigan Johnson, J.D., and Joan Lester, Ed.D. (?)

N AMER MAN/BOY LOVE ASSOC

A support group for intergenerational relationships. For more information send \$1 to: NAMBLA-GCNAD, PO Box 174, New York, NY 10018. (v. 13, no.22)

NASHUA AREA GAYS meet on Mondays at 8:00 pm. For info write Nashua Area Gays, PO Box 885, Nashua, NH 03060. (c)

HAD ENOUGH religious homophobia?

WE ARE

Gay And Lesbian Atheists
Write to GALA for information and a free copy of the GALA REVIEW, P.O. Box 14142, San Francisco, CA 94114

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS

Gay is OK! SDA Kinship International, Inc., since 1976, is a support group of several hundred gay/lesbian Adventists, present and former, in local chapters nationwide. Ask for brochure. Box 1233-L, Los Angeles, CA 90078. 213-876-2076. (49)

"JOHNNY DIED TODAY..."

14 year old Joey will blow out his brains. Eddie will overdose & David will slash his wrists in the days to come. All because you're too scared to protect them. SASE for info, \$2 stamps 64 page newsletter. \$20 subsc/mbrshp. "REALITY INC.," PO Box 73, Paramus, NJ 07653. (c)

D.O.B.

Suppt orgnzn for lesbians, 1151 Mass Ave, Camb, Old Bap Chr. Raps evry Tues, Thurs 8pm. Special raps for 35+; parents; yngr wmn; baby bmrs; singles; coming-out; issues forum. All 8pm. Mnthly events, outing club, library. Info: 661-3633. All women invited to participate. (c)

LESBIANS

Are you Lesbian, Bisexual or unsure? Looking for a group to go to? Come join us at BAGLY.

Call Tony, 497-8282.

(13/32)

GAY LESBIAN AND JEWISH?

Am Tikva welcomes you. Activities include religious observances, discussions, potluck dinners, folk dancing, etc. For events, check GCN Calendar. Call (617) 782-8894 or write PO Box 11, Zamb, MA 02238.

GCN SPECIALS



Here.

ARTISTS ILLUSTRATORS DESIGNERS GCN needs some new and exciting graphics to grace our covers and features stories. Call (or write) now and ask for Jean. If Jean is not in leave your name and number and what type of art you do. Be in our pool of artists. 426-4469. (c)

If you have paperback (especially gay) books that you've read and don't want, the Prisoner Project would like them to send out to prisoners: Fiction or non-fiction, gay or straight; many of our prisoner readers are in fo? "crimes of love" (outdoor sex, man/boy sex, etc.), and books on these subjects are much sought. Please call Mike at 426-4469.

Gay Community News needs help on Friday nights mailing the paper to our subscribers. Come and help: It's easy, it's fun, it's a good way to meet people, and it's a good way to get involved with your community's paper. Just come anytime after 6PM to 167 Tremont Street, 5th floor (between the Bylston and Park Street "T" stops). If the door is locked, buzz us on the GCN Intercom located outside the door. If you have any questions, call Marcos at 426-4469. (c)

SLEEPING BAG, ANYONE?

GCN staffer in need of sleeping bag. If you have one in your "attic" that you'll never use, let me know. I'll pay parcel postage to ship. Thanks, Mike.

GET SMART!

The rumor is that folks who advertise in the GCN Classifieds get whatever they are looking for. Try us. We reach the audience you want to contact.

A portable light table would help us get out of here earlier on layout nights/(mornings!). If you know where we can get one cheap/free (and any other layout supplies: line tapes, exacto knives, lettraset, etc.) please call Mike 426-4469. Thanks. (c)

FOREX TRAVEL

Phone 482-2900
76 Arlington St.
at Boston Park Plaza
Weekdays 9-5:30
Saturday 10-2

LOW AIRFARES FROM BOSTON

London.....\$199	Nice.....\$301*
Paris.....\$239*	Zurich.....\$281*
Frankfort.....\$281*	Vienna.....\$311*
Amsterdam.....\$199*	Rome.....\$311*
Los Angeles.....\$118	Seattle.....\$118
Miami.....\$99	New York.....\$33
Ft. Lauderdale....\$89	Grand Rapids.....\$89
Washington.....\$48	Houston.....\$69

*based on 1/2 of roundtrip. Prices effective June 1, 1985 and subject to change.

Gay
Cruise
SS Bermuda Star
• New Orleans •
• Cozumel (2 days) •
• Key West (2 days) •
from \$795.00

Feb. 15 thru 22,
1986

ALL AIRLINES•LOWEST PRICES•NO SERVICE CHARGE

ATTENTION ORGANIZERS!

If you belong to, or want to form, a non-profit lesbian/gay organization anywhere in the world, and you think it deserves the exposure a GCN Classified ad can give it, we offer special rates just for you. A year (50 deathless issues) for a mere \$100. If a year costs more than you want to spend right now, you may pay in quarterly installments of \$30, \$30, \$30 and \$10. This is for an ad with one headline and a maximum of 8 lines of copy. Such an ad at present would cost \$6.50 per insertion, so this is really a super bargain. Now, rush right out and catch yourself a Classified! You'll be glad you did. Just cut this coupon out and send it along with your ad and payment, to receive the best deal in town.



TO ALL THOSE WHO IN AND OUT OF PRISON FIGHT AGAINST THEIR BONDAGE (Alexander Berkman, Prison Memoirs of an Anarchist).



Fun loving, Italian, gentle and understanding; I love the outdoors, TV, and new wave music. Looking for friends; sorry I can't write other prisoners. I'm not butch or dyke, more on the fem side. 21 yrs and 'cute'. Looking for friends. Tammy J. PONGIA, Drawer A, Ft Leavenworth KS 66027.

24 yr old butch would like to write some sexy, loveable, broads and gay males. Can't write to prisoners. Marie CHEATLEY, 082256, Box A, Oakdale IA 52319.



Prisoners Seeking Friends



Those interested in establishing a network of confined lesbian and gay prisoners with progressive politics, I would like to hear from you. Anyone can write (inside or out). If the outside gay community can't help us, we'll have to help ourselves. Herbert Darrell Hay, 263672, PO Box 38 Goree Unit, Huntsville TX 77344.



Article on the "appellate process" which might help to encourage other prisoners that are not filing appeals due to not having money or the legal expertise to do so. Prisoner's tend on copping out on a sentence, to lay low and not do anything to get out, but if that plea was done to keep from getting more time, a back door appeal might be in order for some. Prepared by Texas writ writer Lester BOUTWELL. Available from GCN Prisoner Project, 167 Tremont, Boston MA 02111.

My hobbies are swimming, dancing, poetry, reading novels. I would love to meet some sincere men for correspondence. I'm from Chicago. I also like chess, jazz and sex. Robert RAPOSA, A-073434 (EA-6), PO Box 500, Olustee FL 32072.

22 yr old black male hoping to be released soon (to Boston area). Into total devotion and love. Photo requested but not necessary. Dwayne BROWN, 30966-060, PO Box 2000 Anteus, Lexington KY 40512.

I had someone who said he cared so long ago. But when I asked If he'd wait, the answer was, no. Write if you like. Frank RANDALL, 205711, Box 316, Ft Madison IA 52627.

Alaska federal gay prisoner; outdoorsman, doing time for non-violent charge, looking for penpal. No age requirement, no looks requirement, no bullshit. Write Jack LECK II, 10495-006, PO Box 34550, Memphis TN 38184.

Male 23 seeking someone same age or older who wants to correspond and share interests with: skiing, cooking, climbing and white water rafting and sex. Kenneth ALLEBACH, 094079, Box 221, Raiford FL 32083.

Looking for sincere and honest correspondents. Rolando JAPANEZ, 392985 (C-6-M-H-U), Box 221, Raiford FL 32083.




Very active in sports, weightlifting. Love French, Greek and possible a bit of English. Water sports are ok. Am presently unattached and soon to be released. Clint ALLS, 112052 (D7), State Farm VA 23160.

Serious minded Black male born under the sign of Libra seeking a very serious minded friend to correspond with regularly. I enjoy music, bodybuilding, laying on the beach and traveling. Raymond HARRELL, 301267, Ellis 2, Huntsville TX 77340.

GM looking for a TV or TS to have a permanent relationship with. I like warm people, rock music, and eating good food. Please include photo if you can and SASE. Larry RAYMOND, C-025432, Rt 2 Box 13-A (MB 720), Immokalee FL 33934.



10% OFF WITH THIS AD—g
Printing 131
 (formerly Copy Cellar)
 Printing
 Copying
 Typesetting
 131 Charles St.
 Boston
(617)723-5130
 Mon.-Fri. 9-7, Sat. 11-4
 Open Evenings and Saturdays



Dr. Jonathan D. Stein Chiropractor

Treatment of: Neck and shoulder pain, Headaches, Low back pain, Bursitis, Acute and Chronic Musculoskeletal conditions resulting from occupational stress and nervous tension.

Evening and Saturday Appts. Available, 232-7200
 375 Harvard St., Brookline, MA

AUTO INSURANCE

(Insure Locally)

ROGERS & DINIS Agency
 404 Mass. Ave., Arlington
643-3040

time payments

plate service

Psychotherapy

Relationship Losses
 Adult Sexual Abuse Survivors
 Adult Children of Alcoholics

Dan Joy, L.I.C.S.W.
 436-5771

Insurance Accepted
 Individual • Couple • Group
 Cambridge

• INDIVIDUAL/GROUP/COUPLE
 • GAY-SENSITIVE THERAPY
ALLAN SINGER, L.I.C.S.W.
PSYCHOTHERAPIST
 COPLEY SQUARE - BOSTON, MA
 617-266-2240
 HEALTH INSURANCE ACCEPTED

SISTERFIRE

AN OPEN-AIR FESTIVAL
 IN CELEBRATION OF WOMEN ARTISTS

June 22 & 23, 1985
 Washington D.C.

Ferron □ Mischief Mime □ Edwina Tyler
 Faith Petrie □ The Moving Star Hall Singers
 Kate Clinton □ Sweet Honey In The Rock
 Urban Bush Women □ Casselberry & Dupree
 Lillian Allen □ Split Britches □ Susan
 Freundlich □ and more...

Tickets (in advance): 1 day \$16./2 days \$24.
 (gate): 1 day \$17/2 days \$27.

For info: Roadwork, Inc., Box SF,
 1475 Harvard St., N.W., Wash D.C. 20009
 (202) 234-9308

BODYWORKS GYM FOR WOMEN



53 River Street, Cambridge
 near Central Square T
 576-1493

Owned by
 Margarita
 Asencio

INSTINCT WILL LEAD YOU TO **A**
SUMMER
A DVENTURE IN
MADE TO FAD

100% COTTON SPORTSWEAR
 THAT LETS YOU BE OLD FRIENDS
CLIPPER BAY TRADING CO.
 SAFARI. RUGGED AND FUN SPORTSWEAR
 46 INN STREET
 NEWBURYPORT, MASS
 617-465-2701
 SEND FOR FREE CATALOGUE

HUMAN RIGHTS RALLY

Tuesday, June 11, 1985, 7:30 PM

Massachusetts College of Art

Tower Auditorium, 621 Huntington Avenue
 (near Longwood), Boston

Signed for the Hearing Impaired

Wheelchair Accessible through the West Entrance

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

The Honorable Mayor Valerie Terrigno

Mayor of West Hollywood, CA — First Openly Gay Mayor

Frederick Mandel

Executive Director, Boston Human Rights Commission

You Are Cordially Invited to Attend
 A Reception in Honor of Mayor Terrigno
 at the Lenox Hotel, Exeter/Boylston Rooms, at 5:30 p.m.,
 preceding the Rally. Cash Bar / hors d'oeuvres.
 Donation: \$15 (more if you can/less if you can't)

Co-sponsors: AIDS Action Committee; Black & White Men Together; Boston Lesbian & Gay Political Alliance; Cambridge Gay & Lesbian Political Alliance; Dorchester Gay & Lesbian Alliance; Gay & Lesbian Counseling Services; Massachusetts Gay Political Caucus; Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus; Somerville-Medford Gay & Lesbian Alliance.

CHILTERN
MOUNTAIN CLUB

SPONSORS

HIKE FOR LIFE

TO FIGHT AIDS

SATURDAY, JUNE 22nd
 BLUE HILLS, MILTON
 An eight mile hike to benefit the
 AIDS Action Committee

TWO WAYS TO HELP:

BECOME A HIKER
 All hikers are encouraged to line up their own sponsors. Their contributions will help in the extremely critical fight against AIDS. Try to recruit as many sponsors as you can. After the event is over, go back to your sponsors with a verified checkpoint card (issued at start), collect their donations and send them to Chiltern.

BECOME A SPONSOR
 You can participate without going on the hike by making a tax-deductible contribution, sponsoring a hiker or becoming a general sponsor by sending your donation directly to the Chiltern Mountain Club. Suggested minimum donation \$10. Larger donations will be gratefully accepted and are desperately needed.

FOR REGISTRATION FORMS OR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL:
 536-7733 or 1-800-235-2331 (M-F: 12-8; SAT: 10-4)
 OR CONTACT: CHILTERN MOUNTAIN CLUB, P.O. Box 407-HL, Boston, MA 02117-0407
 OR REGISTER AT THE BLUE HILLS ON THE DAY OF THE HIKE

Boston
Gay Men's
Chorus
 member GALA

ALIVE WITH PRIDE IN '85

JORDAN HALL
 New England Conservatory
 JUNE 16th
 8 P.M.

"Forget Your Troubles
 Come On Get
Happy
 You Got To Chase
 All Your Blues Away"

TICKETS: \$10, \$8, \$6
 Available at: Jordan Hall Box Office, Bostix,
 ConcertCharge, Glad Day Book Store

SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETED

Pride For Days...

a calendar of events during
gay and lesbian pride weeks 1985:
june 14 to june 30

Friday, June 14

"Liberation Service," sponsored by Am Tikva. An innovative adaptation of the Passover Seder, relating the story of the struggle for our freedom as gays and lesbians. Open to all people. Hill House, 74 Joy Street, Beacon Hill. 8:00PM. For more information, please contact 497-6197.

"2nd Annual Party to Our Health," a fundraiser sponsored by the Fenway Community Health Center, a non-profit health care provider. Dancing, food, cash bar, and a raffle will benefit the Fenway, a non-profit health care provider. 9PM at the International Institute of Boston, 287 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston (near Auditorium "T" stop). Tickets are \$5.00 in advance, \$6.00 at the door. For more information or to learn how to become a Fenway sponsor, please call 267-7573.

"The AIDS Show," vignettes both educational and entertaining. A benefit for the Boston AIDS Action Committee. A winner of San Francisco's famed Cable Car Award. Show times are 8:00PM Friday and Saturday, and 2:00PM and 8:00PM on Sunday. At Boston's Little Theater, 261 Tremont Street (next to the Shubert Theatre), Boston. Tickets: \$12.50 from the AIDS Action Committee, 16 Haviland St., Boston 02115, 536-7733.

"Coffeehouse for Women," sponsored by the Daughters of Bilitis. An evening of music, in honor of Lesbian/Gay Pride, featuring the New Women's Chorus, Joyce and Beth, and many others. Refreshments, separate smoking area, alcohol- and drug-free, male children under 12 allowed. Optional \$1.00 donation. 8:00PM to 11:00PM. Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge (Harvard stop on the Red Line). For more information, please call 661-3633. All women are cordially invited.

Saturday, June 15

"Annual Pride Day Brunch," sponsored by the Boston Bisexual Women's Network. An all-you-can-eat brunch for all women. \$3.00 per person. 10:00AM to 12 Noon. Community Church of Boston, 565 Boylston Street, Boston (near Copley Square "T" stop). Wheelchair accessible, please call in advance. For more information, please call 731-1399.

"Pre-Pride Parade breakfast," with the Cambridge Lesbian and Gay Alliance. Meet at 9AM at T.T. the Bear's Place, 10 Brookline St., Central Square. For more information, please call Arthur at 547-2197.

"8th Annual Lesbian/Gay Pride Service," sponsored by the Greater Boston Lesbian & Gay Interfaith Coalition. Free for all people. 10:00AM at the Arlington Street Church (right above Arlington "T" stop). Interpreted for the hearing-impaired. Child care provided.

"The 15th ANNUAL — 15th ANNIVERSARY BOSTON LESBIAN/GAY PRIDE CELEBRATION," sponsored by the Boston Lesbian/Gay Pride Planning Committee.

Meet at Copley Square by 11:00AM to line up to march. March steps off promptly at noon. Bring banners, floats, chants, signs, kazoos, etc. Take Exit 22 off the Mass Pike and turn left onto Dartmouth Street, or take the Green Line MBTA ("T") to Copley Station. To register your contingent, please call the march coordinator at 1-(617) 582-4240. Our local theme is "No Regrets!" People are encouraged to use this theme, or to center around the issue of being "family."

The Festival will begin immediately following the march (approximately 1:30PM). It is wheelchair-accessible and interpreted for the hearing impaired. Child care and first aid will be provided. Featured speakers are Virginia Apuzzo, past director of the National Gay Task Force (now with the New York Consumer Affairs Board); Gil Gerald, President of the National Coalition of Black Gays; and U.S. Representative Barney Frank (MA).

Entertainment will be provided by "No Regrets" — an all-women band; Tom Wilson Weinberg; Tony Rose, Dan Kirby, & Christa Dulude; and Teresa Trull & Barbara Higbie. Food and refreshments, games, information and service booths, dancing, music, and much more will be featured at the Boston Common site. A \$1.00 donation is kindly requested upon entering, and those who participate will automatically be entered in our prize-giveaway raffle.



Teresa Trull and Barbara Higbie will play at Gay and Lesbian Pride, June 15.



Gil Gerald will address the crowd at Gay and Lesbian Pride, June 15.

"The AIDS Show," please see listing under June 14.

"Pride Day Dance" to benefit the AIDS Action Committee. The Cyclorama, 539 Tremont St., Boston. 8PM. Tickets: \$5 at the door, \$3 in advance at the Cyclorama box office. Info: AAC, 536-7733 or Cyclorama, 426-5000.

"Gay Community News Annual Pride Picnic Supper on the Esplanade." Join us after the Festival, just up the river from the pink Fiedler cross-walk, near the Hatch Shell. Bring yummy delights and other amusements. All old and new friends and volunteers are invited. For more details call GCN at 426-4469.

"Amethyst Women's Dance," to celebrate Lesbian/Gay Pride. First Congregational Church, 11 Garden Street, Cambridge. Wheelchair accessible, child care provided. \$4.00 donation, more if/less if. This is a drug- and alcohol-free event for lesbians and their women friends. For more information, please call 666-4864.

Sunday, June 16

"Pride Day Cruise," a benefit for the Boston Lesbian/Gay Pride Celebration Planning Committee. Leaves Boston at 11:30AM and arrives in Provincetown at 3:30PM. Leaves Provincetown at 7:30PM and arrives back in Boston at 11:30PM. Complimentary buffet lunch and disco dancing aboard. Cash bar. Tea dance at the Boat Slip in Provincetown. Late-night snack on the way home. Checkroom on board for storing jackets, bags, etc. Tickets are \$25.00 in advance, \$30.00 at the boat. Leaves from Pier 4, Charlestown (adjacent to the U.S.S. Constitution). Advance tickets available at Forex Travel, 76 Arlington St.; Buddies, 733 Boylston Street; Fritz, corner of Berkeley and Chandler Streets; and Box Office Video, 160 Newbury Street.

"Sexy Readings," from current issues of *Fag Rag/Bad Attitude* magazines. A benefit for London, England's Gay's the Word Bookstore (under attack by the Thatcher government). \$3.00 donation. 5:00PM at Glad Day Bookshop, 43 Winter Street, Boston (Downtown Crossing, near Park Street "T" stop).

"Come on Get Happy!" gay pride concert by the Boston Gay Men's Chorus. At Jordan Hall, the New England Conservatory. Concert is at 8:00PM. Tickets are \$6.00/\$8.00/\$10.00. Purchase tickets in advance at the Jordan Hall Box Office, Bostix, ConcertCharge, and Glad Day Bookshop. For more information, please call 536-2412.

The AIDS Show," see listing under June 14.

Tuesday, June 18

"BL/GPA Quarterly Meeting, with guest speaker Brian McNaught." "The Personal is Political." The Jackson-Mann School, 500 Cambridge Street (Union Square), Allston.

"Gay Pride Poetry and Fiction reading," sponsored by Cambridge Lesbian and Gay Alliance. Featuring Stephen Cramer, E.J. Graff, Rudy Kikel, Arthur Lipkin and the women of *Outrageous Women*. The reading will be held at 186 Hampshire St., Inman Square. Donation: \$3. For more information, call Stewart at 547-0295.

Wednesday, June 19

"Gay Rites: Choosing our Spirituality," a panel discussion with lesbian and gay clergy and lay people. Sponsored by the Greater Boston Lesbian & Gay Interfaith Coalition. Free to all people. 7:30PM at the Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge. Please call 497-8293 for more information.

"Family Reunion," a gathering for gay people who were politically active in the late '60s and early '70s. 7:30PM to 10:00PM at 600 Washington Street, Boston — 2nd Floor (Gay & Lesbian Counseling Service). For more information, please contact Ann Maguire at 725-3307, daytimes.

Thursday, June 20

"Gay History," topic of an open meeting for gay people under 22. Sponsored by GALLYNS (Gay & Lesbian Liberated Youth of the North Shore). Free. 7:30PM to 10:00PM. Haverhill, MA. Call 373-7618 for more information and directions. GALLYNS is a drug- and alcohol-free group run by gay youth for gay youth.

Saturday, June 22

"Hike for Life '85," sponsored by the Chiltern Mountain Club. An annual benefit for the AIDS Action Committee. An 8-mile hike in the Blue Hills Reservation in Milton, MA. Carpooling available at 8:30AM in front of the Arlington Street Church, Boston. Hike starts at 9:00AM from the Blue Hills Ski Area, near Exit 64N off of Route 128 (05). For more information, please write to Chiltern Mountain Club, P.O. Box 407, Boston, MA 02117, or call 536-7733.

"Worcester 1st Annual Lesbian/Gay Pride Day."

"Burlington 3rd Annual March and Rally."

Providence Gay Pride Day

Wednesday, June 26

"Annual Lesbian/Gay Community Town Meeting," sponsored by the Boston Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee. The topic of this annual meeting will be "Gays & Lesbians as Parents." The forum will be held at U.Mass/Park Square, 100 Arlington St., Boston, room 222 at 7:30PM. It will be interpreted for the hearing impaired and wheelchair accessible. All people are welcome. For more information call 889-4777.

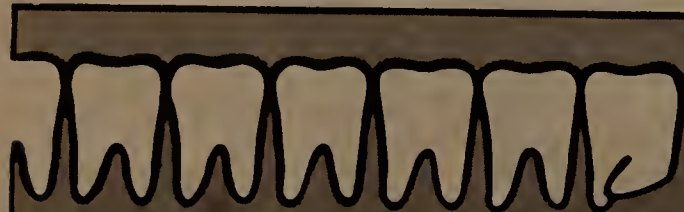
Saturday, June 29

"The Families We Choose," the premiere of a new video documentary about lesbian families, 7 Temple Street, Central Square, Cambridge. Two presentations, 7:00PM and 9:00PM. Tickets: \$3 at New Words Bookstore in Cambridge and at Food for Thought, Jamaica Plain or at the door. Wheelchair accessible and interpreted for the hearing impaired.

Hartford 4th Annual Lesbian/Gay Pride

Sunday, June 30

New York City 15th Annual Lesbian/Gay Pride



healthy teeth ...

they're a team effort

Richard R. Bankhead, DDS
Paul O. Groipen, DDS
1259 Hyde Park Avenue
Hyde Park, MA 02136
617-364-5500

Mon-Fri 9-5 evenings

SOUTHERN JAMAICA PLAIN HEALTH CENTER

affiliated with the Brigham & Women's Hospital

- Adult Medicine
- Obstetrics & Gynecology
- Podiatry
- Pediatrics
- Nutrition/WIC Program
- Mental Health
- Family Alcoholism Program

Evening hours, convenient to public trans.
Sliding scale available, all health insur. accepted.
Spanish spoken.

687 Centre St., Jamaica Plain — 522-5900

—SUBSCRIBE!—

CALENDAR

**June 8
to
June 25**



Susan Wilson

Susan Abod, June 11 and 19

8 saturday

Boston — BAGLY's 5th Annual Prom for lesbian & gay youth (age 22 and under). Appalachian Mt. Club, 8 Joy St., Beacon Hill. 8PM. Dress to impress. Info: 497-8282.

Boston — Dance presented by "A Colored Girls Production." Boston YWCA. 9PM. \$3, proceeds to benefit women going to Kenya. All women and their friends welcome.

Cambridge — "Batacada Belles," a women's percussion marching band rehearsal for Gay & Lesbian Pride. Magazine Beach. 10:30AM. No experience necessary. \$1 donation. Info: 776-6699.

Brighton — Boston NOW picket of Catholic Archbishop headquarters in support of reproductive rights. 10:30-11:30AM. Rally at Rodger's Park, noon. Info: 661-6015.

Cambridge — Lesbian Singles meeting. Daughters of Bilitis, 1151 Mass Ave., Old Cambridge Baptist Church. 8PM. \$1. Info: 661-3633.

Boston — Mobius Performing Group inter-media performances including "Incorrect Forms of Love." 354 Congress St. 8PM. \$6, \$4 for students. Info: 542-7416.

Cambridge — "Difference: On Representation and Sexuality," a photography and video exhibit. MIT Reference Gallery, List Visual Arts Center, 20 Ames St. Info: 253-4400.

Boston — The New Ehrlich Theatre presents "Slag" by David Hare. 539 Tremont St., Boston Center for the Arts. 8PM Wed.-Sat. & Sun. afternoons until June 29. \$6. Info: 482-6316.

9 sunday

Boston — Fundraising Brunch for Gay & Lesbian Counseling Services. Downtown Cafe. Seatings at 11:30AM & 1:30PM. \$25. Info: Clay, 542-5188.

Cambridge — Opening Reception for "Miniatures of Genady & Tatyana Mamonova." Rising Phoenix Gallery, 244 Columbia St., Central Sq. 1-4PM. Exhibit open through June. Info: 492-7522.

Boston — Rainbow Coalition Gay & Lesbian Constituency meeting to make posters for Gay Pride. 7PM. Info: Helen, 522-6283.

Boston — "Women in the Workplace: Issues of Self-Perception and Economic Survival," a sermon by Dorine Lavoisier. The Community Church of Boston, 565 Boylston, Copley Square. 11AM. Info: 266-6710.

10 monday

Boston — "Silent Pioneers," a portrait of eight gay and lesbian elders. Channel 2, WGBH-TV. 10:30PM.

Boston — Black Rose Radio AIDS politics program with John Beldekas and Cindy Patton. 5PM. WMBR 88.1 FM. Info: 497-0647.

11 tuesday

Boston — Susan Abod in concert with Dianth Spenser on piano. The 1270, 1270 Boylston St. 10PM-2AM.

Cambridge — Jefferson Park Writing Center's Year-End Celebration. Fitzgerald School, Rindge Ave. 6PM. Info: 497-2011.

Cambridge — Coming-Out Rap. Daughters of Bilitis, 1151 Mass. Ave., Old Cambridge Baptist Church. 8PM. \$1. All women welcome. Info: 661-3633.

12 wednesday

Cambridge — The Free Lance Wife Revue, jazz and poetry. 1369 Jazz Club, Inman Sq. 9:30PM. \$3. Info: 492-8436.

13 thursday

Boston — Gay Community News always needs help on production night when articles are proofread and pasted up. If you've done proofreading or layout and would like to volunteer, stop by 167 Tremont St. 5th Floor (5-8pm for proofing, 7:30-11pm for layout). Come help out GCN and read tomorrow's news today.

Cambridge — Grace Paley benefit reading for Sojourner. Sanders Theater, Harvard University. 8PM. \$5. Info: 661-3567.

Boston — Opening reception: Teen Apprenticeship Program, Neighborhood Arts Center. Harbor Art Gallery, U.Mass./Boston, McCormack Bldg. 6-8PM. Info: 929-8282.



"The AIDS Show," June 13, 14, 15, & 16, see Pride calendar for details.

14 friday

Boston — GCN VOLUNTEER NIGHT!!! Come help send out the paper to our subscribers. Refreshments and good times. Come anytime after 6PM to 167 Tremont Street, 5th Floor (near Boylston and Park Street "T" stops). If the door is locked, buzz us on the GCN intercom located outside the front door.



The "No Regrets" band, June 15, see Pride calendar for details.

15 saturday

Boston — Gay and Lesbian Pride! Take off from Copley Square at noon. Info: 889-4777 or 236-1641.

Boston — Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade cablecast. BNN TV, Channel A3. 6-8PM. Show will be repeated on Thursday, June 27, from 6-8PM.

16 sunday

Boston — Red Hearts monthly potluck brunch for leftward-leaning gay men. Info: Clay, 547-5166.

Waltham — Beginners' Canoe Outing for women. 10AM. \$10. Sponsored by Wild Women of Daughters of Bilitis. Info: Mimi, 924-1543.

Boston — "A Jail Without Bars and Guards," a sermon by Manuel Hernandez. Community Church of Boston, 565 Boylston St., Copley Square. 11AM.

Watertown — Gays & Lesbians of Watertown neighborhood meeting. 7PM. Info: 926-5371 or 783-1633, or write, GLOW, PO Box 373, New Town Branch 02258.



Brian Quinby

Freddie Greenfield, June 16, see Pride calendar for details.

17 monday

Provincetown — Lesbian Whale Watch, sponsored by *Womantide* magazine. The "Dolphin VI" sails from MacMillan Wharf at 2:30PM. \$15 adults/\$10 children. Tickets can be purchased at Womancrafts, Commercial Street, Provincetown. For more information, please call (617) 487-9854 or 487-3574.

Watertown — GLOW, Gays & Lesbians of Watertown, get-together and meeting. 7PM. Info: 926-5371

19 wednesday

Cambridge — Susan Abod in concert with Janet Hood on piano. Ryles Upstairs, 212 Hampshire St., Inman Square. 9PM. \$4.

Cambridge — Girls' Night Out to perform. Jonathan Swift's, 30b Boylston St. Info: 661-9887.

20 thursday

Mission Hill — Nicaraguan brigades informational meeting. Parker Hill Library, 1497 Tremont St. 6PM. Info: 492-8699.

Cambridge — Sun Song, storytelling by Jennifer Justice to celebrate Summer Solstice. New Words Bookstore, 186 Hampshire St., Inman Sq. Two shows: 7 and 9PM. \$5. Info: 776-4514.

Cambridge — Drop-in discussion for women with incest histories: topic, "Support/Endings." Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Central Sq. Info: Incest Resources, 492-1818.

23 sunday

Boston — "Dialogue..." sponsored by Black Men's Association, Lesbian/Gay Council of the Rainbow Coalition, El Comite Lesbianas y Homosexuales, and Black and White Men Together. 558 Mass. Ave. 3PM.

Cambridge — Cambridgeport G.A.L.A. (Gay and Lesbian Alliance), first event: potluck supper. 6PM. Info: David, 497-6197 or Steven, 492-8730.

Brookline — Brookline/Brighton/Allston Neighborhood Gays and Lesbians first annual potluck picnic. 12 Noon. Info: Marsha, 738-4260 or Mitchell, 738-0656.

25 tuesday

Boston — Meeting for volunteers to work on programs for older gay men and lesbians. Rm. 801, Boston City Hall, waterfront entrance. 7PM. Info: 725-3307.

Notes

Enormous Changes at the Last Minute. Directed by Mirra Bank and Ellen Hovde. Written by John Sayles with Susan Rice, based on three stories by Grace Paley. Starring Ellen Barkin, Lynn Milgrim, Maria Tucci, Sudie Bond, and Kevin Bacon. At the Brattle Theatre in Cambridge.

The universe recreated by Grace Paley in three small volumes of short stories is exclusively heterosexual except for a disgruntled lesbian who makes this same complaint at the end of "Listening," the final story in her newest collection, *Later the Same Day*. "I do not forgive you," says the lesbian to Paley's alter ego, Faith; but I already have, as I identify myself with heterosexual women in film and literature. Besides, Paley knows well what creeps men are, and she's forgiven us.

In "An Interest in Life" (from *The Little Disturbances of Man*), the first of the three stories in this film, Ellen Barkin plays Virginia, a woman with three children and a husband who likes to have sex and then blames her for being pregnant and ruining his life. When the skinny-but-macho, homely husband leaves home to join an army, we are momentarily happy for Virginia even though she has no money, a refrigerator that doesn't work, an apartment that will look very familiar to those non-Yuppies still alive, and a high sex drive. Barkin's underplaying of her role, and directors Bank's and Hovde's non-Hollywood honesty about socio-economic harsh realities ("Let them think they're better than you," warns a young pregnant stranger when Virginia is first applying for welfare), hold this together in a very potent way.

The second story, here called "Faith's Story," is actually "Dreamer in a Dead Language" from the new collection. I had to read this three times before I began to understand it, and even so the filmed version confused me. Lynn Milgrim plays Faith, a divorced woman with two sons, and most of this story concerns her visit to her parents in an old-age home adjacent to the ocean. Her father, a boring, bearded poet-type, tells Faith he wants to leave her mother and find "the young girl waiting for him," and Faith in turn tells him she has three lovers. He gets very upset, and they have a dizzying chase scene: no car crashes or state-of-the-art special effects, merely human anguish from this planet. The final image in this story is the most haunting I've seen in a non-Fellini movie.

The third story is that of Alexandra (played gorgeously by Maria Tucci, who can do more with her eyebrows than Luke Skywalker could do with The Force). Chicken queens will probably adopt this story as their own fantasy: Alexandra, on the way to a hospital to visit her aged father, hails a ride in a cab driven by Kevin Bacon, who in a surprisingly nonsexist, noncreepy way tells her before the ride is out he wants to know her better. And they do have an affair, fraught with scenes one can expect from a relationship in which one person is about 40 and the other is about 19. I for one found this the most erotic encounter in film since Jacqueline Bisset's character let her packages be carried by a hustler in *Rich and Famous*. Bacon looks good in his blue bikini underwear, and Alexandra gets to call the shots in their affair. Very nice indeed, and a good way to end this movie — with a bit of Paleyesque hope for the continuation of the things still somewhat unspoiled in this world.

Paley purists may prefer to stay home and reread the marvelous stories — but for those of us who accept that some things change when work from one medium is transferred to another, *Enormous Changes at the Last Minutes* is a must-see.

— Walta Borawski

Calendar compiled by Miranda Kolbe

GAY COMMUNITY NEWS

Gay Community News and Orson Welles Cinema present



WED/THURS June 5, 6	DRIFTING EACH OTHER	(Boston Premiere) 4:30, 8:00 2:45, 6:00, 9:45
FRI/SAT June 7, 8	BLACK LIZARD CORRUPT	1:00, 4:30, 8:00 (Boston Premiere) 2:45, 6:15, 9:45
SUN/MON/TUE June 9, 10, 11	SCRUBBERS SCUM	1:15, 4:35, 8:00 (Boston Premiere) 2:55, 6:15, 9:45
WED/THURS June 12, 13	ANOTHER COUNTRY PRIVATES ON PARADE	1:15, 4:35, 8:00 2:55, 6:15, 9:45
FRI/SAT June 14, 15	BURGER QUEENS OF BERLIN TAXI ZUM KLO	(Boston Premiere) 1:15, 4:35, 8:00 2:55, 6:15, 9:45
SUN/MON/TUE June 16, 17, 18	ABUSE CHOOSING CHILDREN	(Boston Premiere) complete shows 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55
WED/THURS June 19, 20	THE CLINIC TRASH	1:00, 4:25, 7:55 2:40, 6:05, 9:40
FRI/SAT June 21, 22	SALO: 120 Days of Sodom LOADS	complete shows (Boston Premiere) 3:00, 6:00, 9:00
SUN/MON/TUE June 23, 24, 25	MAEDCHEN IN UNIFORM THE WOMEN	3:50, 7:55 1:30, 5:30, 9:35
WED/THURS June 26, 27	TIMES OF HARVEY MILK BURROUGHS	1:00, 5:00, 8:00 3:30, 6:30, 9:40

The New England Gay and Lesbian Film Festival

Orson Welles Cinema 1001 Massachusetts Avenue Cambridge 868-3600